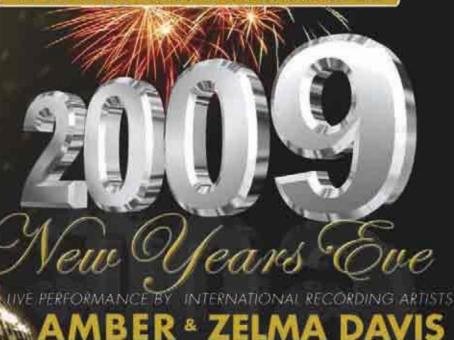




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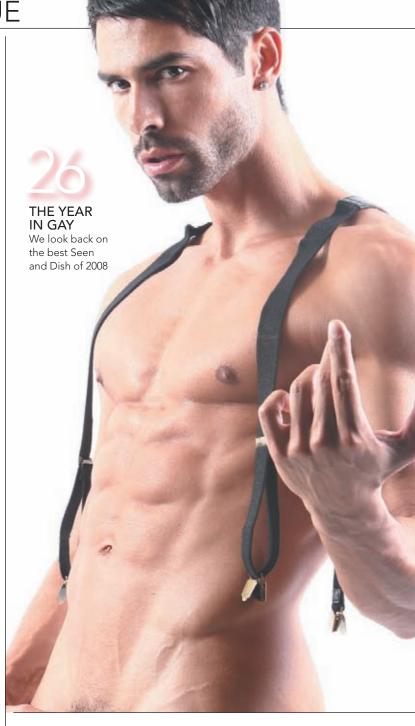
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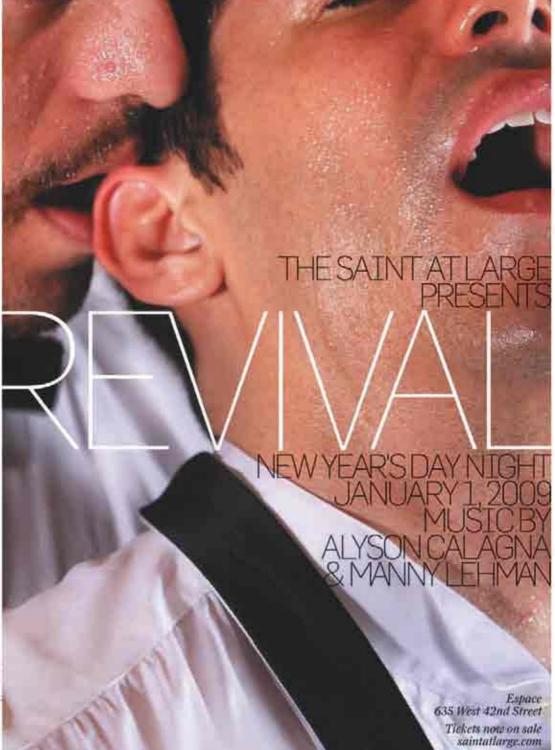
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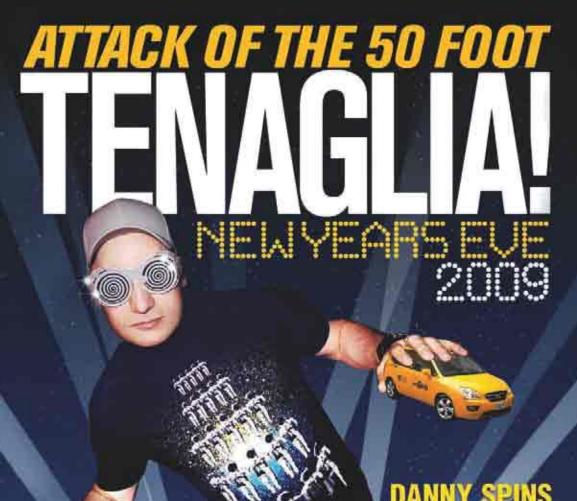
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By the time you read this the holiday madness will be over, but as we type, it feels like Christmas is barreling down on us like a festive subway train. While visions of sugarplums confront us at every turn, it's the memory of all this week's parties that's dancing in our heads...

On Monday night, we headed over to Joe's Pub to catch Jackie Hoffman's riotously funny holiday show Scraping the Bottom. She serenaded us with Hannukah songs and caustic rants against Queen Latifah (who stole her role in a recent film), Whoopi Goldberg (who stole her role in Broadway's Xanadu) and Upper West Side women (who stole her desire to ever want babies). The mostly gay crowd lapped up her humbug hilarity, and after the show we chatted with Project Runway's Chris March, who was discussing costume ideas with Whore's Mascara's Chaz Kourday. Also seen: theater producer Philip Himberg and novelist Stacey Ballis.

Nasty Pig joined David Barton Gym and g Lounge in throwing a special "Love Thy Neighbor" edition of Gorgeous on Thursday night. The Nasty Pig boys upped the ante on the bar's "ho ho ho" decor by decking the bartenders and go-go boys out in their sexy underwear and briefs. They also handed out tees, underwear and jocks to the crowd throughout the evening—'cause we all know it's better to give than to receive.

Friday night we popped into Sugarland for our favorite go-go boy Jeff Little Horse's birthday bash. Being so close to the birth of our Lord and Savior, Violet Temper gave us Jesus-themed birthday shows and retarded Christmas carol sing-a-longs before DJ Aaron Elvis busted out the beats.

Back on the Island of Misfit boys (a.k.a. Manhattan), The Trinity celebrated their annual holiday party at mr. Black, which doubled as cocktail superstar The Ass' birthday soirée. Epiphany served up a hot show as snow machines blasted the crowd and Glenn Marla, dressed as Santa, took holiday photos with the kids. We hear Epiphany got into a little tiff with the notorious Purple Pants later. It seems our girl was giving mr. Black's security fever when the purple one told her to do as she was told. "Your breath stinks!" 'Piphy replied, to which Purple Pants fired back, "Not as much as your shows!" Seen: Scissor Sisters' Baby Daddy and Del Marquis, Mickey Boardman, Zoe Murphy, Josh Wood, Ericka Toure Aviance and Lars Stephan.

Fresh from her sold-out shows in Berlin and Shaghai, **Meow Meow**'s *Meow to the World* opened at the **Highline**

Ballroom Saturday night. The punk rock cabaret superstar brought down the house belting out tunes ranging from Radiohead to Rodgers & Hammerstein. Seen: producers Josh Wood and David Binder, Patricia Clarkson, John Cameron Mitchell, Earl Dax, Murray Hill, John Lovett and just about every diva junkie in New York.

At HK, Nick Adams—a.k.a. the best biceps on Broadway—co-hosted Heaven in Hell with Jason Preston and Jasen Kaplan. We hear that a bit of a catfight broke out when Barracuda owner Stephen Heighton's model boyfriend clashed with a publicist who got a little too friendly with his beau. Seen: Handsome Joe Kern, Jonathan Grant, DJ Blake Hayes, MTV's Vinnie Potestivo and Corey Rosenberg.

We dropped in for the opening night of Michael Formika Jones and Mark Nelson's F Word at The Night Club—or is it The Madison? or Eugene? or that-place-formerly-known-as-mr.-Black? All three floors of the huge club were packed with cute guys partying it up. Seen: Joey Israel, Laverne Cox, James Coppola, Daniel Nardicio, Sherry Vine, Amanda Lepore, Cazwell, Adam Joseph, The Kiki Twins, Rich King, Herra C, DJs Johnny Dynell, Miss Guy, Bill Coleman and Lina.

Tubway at mr. Black was packed, as usual. **Xander** gave an impromptu show, **Mother Juan** and her Aviance children brought the runway realness at 5am and DJ **Nita Aviance** even abandoned the DJ booth to join them on the dance floor. We're also loving the fact that boys all over the city were running around bearing stamps from F Word, mr. Black and the **Saint at Large's** Christmas party, which combined read "Fuck You SAL I am the real mr. Black"!

Our spies tell us there was drama at Mr. Patrick Duffy's Andrew Buckler White Christmas party. Apparently when Debbie Harry got up to perform her mini-show she told the crowd, "I'm only here right now for all of you. Patrick Duffy, never call me again!" Ouch!

Which brings us to the end of another year's Dish. We're taking a week off to recuperate and prep for the best New Year's Eve ever! See you in 2009!

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Keri Russell, Guy Pearce and **Courteney Cox** at the premiere of *Bedtime Stories* at the El Capitan Theatre in Los Angeles.

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GO GREEN!

Hedda Lettuce, the notorious star of this season's *Project Runway*, returns with a festive frappé of cherished carols and twisted tales that will tickle even the Scroogiest of hearts. *Lettuce Rejoice, thru Dec. 28 @ Metropolitan Room, 34 W 22nd St, 212-206-0440, metropolitanroom.com, 10pm, \$20.*

LOVE FOR SALE

Trouble payin' your rent lately? Well, these boys might have some tips for you—perhaps even some massive mushroom tips! Fresh off the 2009 Rentboy Calendar descend upon HK Lounge tonight to celebrate its release. 2009 Rentboy Calendar Party @ HK Lounge, 409 W 39th St/9th Av, 212-947-4208, hkhellskitchen.com, 11pm, free.

SATURDAY / DEC 27

CRACKED NUTS

Drop Tchaikovsky into 1980s New York and you'll have yourself a drugged-out, sexed-up version of a highbrow holiday classic. In *The Nutcracker: Rated R*, expect burlesque ballet, a touch of breakdancing and some seriously sexy performances. Nutcracker: Rated R, thru Jan. 3 @ Theater for the New City, 155 First Avenue/9th St, 212-254-1109, nutcrackerratedr.com. 8pm. \$15-\$20.

MERRITT-OCRACY

John Blair will have Chelsea's shirtless wonder boys in heat at his sexy Saturday party with DJ Merritt on the main floor and Danny Echi in the lower level lounge. John Blair Saturdays @ Splash, 50 W 17th St, 212-691-0073, splashbar.com, 10pm, \$20, \$15 w/JB card.



In case you haven't heard, a slew of shows are closing in January. And yes, some are closing due to slow ticket sales—we are in a recession, after all—but others, like off-Broadway sensation Arias with a Twist, are simply closing after long, epic runs. Here's a breakdown of all the closing shows' final performance dates:

WEDS / DEC 31 ARIAS WITH A TWIST

Here Arts Center, 145 6th Av/Dominick St, here.org, ariaswithatwist. com, 212-352-3101, \$35-\$100

SUN/ JAN 4 **BOEING-BOEING**

Longacre Theatre, 220 W 48th St, 212-239-6200, \$35-\$110.

GREASE

Brooks Atkinson Theatre, 256 W 47th St, greaseonbroadway.com, 212-719-4099, \$70-\$120

HAIRSPRAY

Neil Simon Theatre, 250 W 52nd St. hairsprayonbroadway.com, 212-307-4100, \$20-\$100.

LIZA'S AT THE PALACE

1564 Broadway, lizasatthepalace.com, 212-307-4100, \$55-\$125

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Hilton Theatre, 214 W 42nd St, 212-556-4750, \$60-\$120.

SUN / JAN 11 GYPSY

St. James Theatre, 246 W 44th St/Bway, gypsybroadway.com, 212-239-6262, \$40-\$115.

SPAMALOT

Shubert Theatre, 225 W 44th St. 212-239-6200. \$36-\$110.

SUN / JAN 18TH SPRING AWAKENING Eugene O'Neill Theater,

230 W 49th St, springawakening.com, <u>212-239-6200. \$65</u>-\$110.

WANT SOME CRISCO WITH YOUR DISCO?

Need to forget about your drunk Uncle Harold hitting on you at Christmas dinner? Hightail it over to Nowhere tonight where DJ Jeff Jackson's disco ditties will get you boogiein' and the bartenders' stiff cocktails will help you forget Uncle Harold's tender touch. Double Headed Disco @ Nowhere, 322 E 14th St, 212-477-4744, gaybarsnyc.com, 10pm, free.

SUNDAY / DEC 28

HONK IF YOU'RE HAIRY

Park your rig at The Park's penthouse tonight as Robert Valin returns with Truck Stop. NYC's hottest leather bear tea dance invades this gorgeous space with DJ Gustavo getting you hot on the dance floor and furry fellas gettin' steamy in the hot tub. Truck Stop @ The Park, 118 10th Av/18th St, 212-352-3313, theparknyc.com, 6pm, \$5.

TOUCH MY BODY

Lookin' to groove out to the best beats in town with a sexy, mixed crowd and an unpretentious vibe? Then the legendary Body & Soul is the party for you. This one-night-only revival event starts at 6pm, so you can end the weekend on a high note and still be fresh on Monday morning. Body & Soul @ Webster Hall, 125 E 11th St/3rd Av. 212-353-1600, bodyandsoul-nyc.com, 6pm, \$20-\$30.

A BALL-DROPPING GOOD TIME

While therapy's resident clown, Brad Loekle, is having a Feliz Navidad in Puerto Vallarta, his homolarious sidekick, Scott Ryan, fills in as hostess with the mostess (STDs). So join Scott and a fagtastic line-up as they kick off the countdown to your vowing to go to the gym more. Featuring Ann Necypor, Shawn Hollenbach and headliner Vanessa Hollingshead. Electroshock Therapy @ therapy. 348 W 52nd St, 212-397-1700, therapy-nyc.com, 10pm, free.

DANCING ON THE CIELING

Lookin' for a mind-blowing party? Tonight, legendary DJ Junior Vasquez drops a delicious set at Cielo! Junior Vasquez @ Cielo, 18 Little West 12th St, 212-645-5700, cieloclub.com, 10pm, cover varies, free admission before midnight w/ HX ad (on p.22).

PROUD PACHA

If the 28th seems too early to start celebrating New Year's, think again. Tonight, Alegria returns to one of its former homes, Pacha—a venue truly deserving of such a legendary party. DJs Phil Romano and Tony Moran are planning a pair of soul-pounding sets so transcendent they may just keep you dancing straight into the New Year! Alegria @ Pacha, 618 W 46th St/11th Av, 212-209-7500, alegriaevents.com, pachanyc.com, 11pm, \$50-\$60.

MONDAY / DEC 29

GRIN AND BEAR IT

Kate Moss and Naomi Campbell may love themselves some fur, but they ain't got nothin' on the boys of Woof! Join Max Scott and the men of View Bar as they review the hot hairy highlights of 2008 that made this bear bash the place-to-be on Monday nights. Woof! @ View Bar, 232 8th Av/22nd St, 212-929-2243, myspace.com/ woof_party, 7pm, \$5.

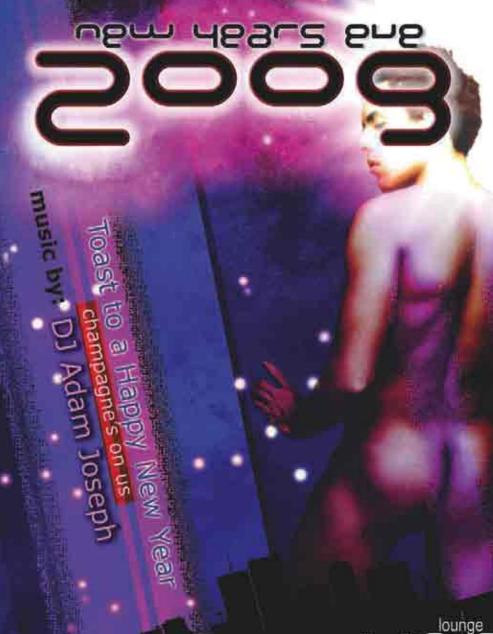
WORD TO THE WEISS

Some of us would never make it to Tuesday without our weekly dose of Scott Nevins' Curtain Call. This week, after you've sipped a few drinks and sung along to the Broadway video montage, YouTube sensation and American Idol Season 4 semifinalist Natalie Weiss takes the stage. Scott Nevin's Curtain Call @ Splash, 50 W 17th St, 212-691-0073, splashbar.com, 11:30pm, \$5.

TUESDAY / DEC 30

THAT'S HOT

Though he utilizes a mishmash of visual material culled from gossip 🛓 blogs, porn sites, wallpaper samples, magazines and film, all the works in artist Iké Udé's new exhibition have one thing in com-



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mon: Paris Hilton. Fueled by his absurd sense of humor, Udé's work explores the rise of celebrity journalism and, more specifically, the ensuing media phenom that is Paris, America's very own Princess Di. Paris Hilton: Fantasy and Simulacrum, thru Jan. 24 @ Stux Gallery, 530 W 25th St/10th Av, 212-352-1600, stuxgallery.com, free.

WEDNESDAY / DEC 31

HAVANA NIGHTS

Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola features a spicy collection of Cuban jazz stars including Paquito D'Rivera, Luis Mario Ochoa, Ernesto Simpson and Pedro Martinez—and great food! Paquito D'Rivera @ The Frederick P. Rose Hall at Jazz at Lincoln Center, Broadway/60th St, 212-258-9595, jalc.org/dccc, 7:30pm & 10pm, \$150-\$250.

THE WAY I FEEL IS SEXUAL

Splash is wetter than ever with live performances by Amber and Zelma Davis. The two world-famous divas are performing classic hits like "Sexual" as well as their brand new club epic "Enough is Enough (No More Tears)." For more info, check out our Night Watch column on page 40. New Year's @ Splash, 50 W 17th St, 212-691-0073, splashbar.com, 8pm-8am, \$20 pre-sale tix available online.

CHAMPAGNE FOR CHAMPIONS

Celebrate the new year Gym-style as DJ Jimmy provides the music, the sexy bartenders provide the complimentary champagne toast and you provide the jock strap. New Year's @ Gym, 167 8th Av/18th St, 212-337-2439, gymsportsbar.com, 9pm, free.

HELL'S BELLES

All-you-can-drink passes at HK Lounge are only \$100 for the entire night or \$50 until midnight! Plus, complimentary appetizers from 9pm—10pm, drag performances, sexy go-go boys and TVs with screens so big they'll make the whole crowd's balls drop. New Year's

@ HK Lounge, 409 W 39th St/9th Av, hkhellskitchen.com, 212-947-4208, 9pm, \$50-\$100.

MONSTER'S BALLS

New Year's Eve wouldn't be complete without one of The Monster's legendary bashes. Jesse Volt performs live at 10pm and DJ Anthony Vlantis heats up the downstairs dance floor deep into the night. New Year's @ The Monster, 80 Grove St/Sheridan Sq, 212-924-3558, manhattan-monster.com. 9pm. \$20-\$25.

RUSHIN' ROULETTE

Tonight, Rush will be packed with tasty twinks making resolutions that'll surely be broken by the time the club closes at 9am. Porn star Brent Everett hosts, DJ John Marto spins as much pop as you can handle and drinks are only a buck til 11pm. Rush, 579 6th Av/16th St, 212-243-6100, boiparty.com, 9pm-9am, \$20 and up.

TWISTED PANTIES

Michael T, Theo and Alex Malfunction are serving up an epic edition of Rated X/Trash! with live sets by Team Robespierre, The Mood and Autodrone. A pantless crowd is always more fun than a shirtless one. Rated X/Trash! @ Don Hill's, 511 Greenwich St/Spring St, 212-219-2850, indierotica.com, donhills.com, 9pm, \$10-\$20.

DON'T BE A HATER

Spread the love as you down five hours worth of open bar, DJ Lina pounds out sultry beats and you and your boys devise devious plots to overturn Prop 8! Hate '08 @ Metropolitan Pavilion, 123 W 18th St/6th Av, 9:30pm-2:30am, \$175-\$200.

EYES WIDE SHUT

There's no aphrodisiac like anonymity—if you wear a mask, you can pretend it never happened! So get into it at Daniel Nardicio's Masked Ball. Eight totally naked dancers shake their schlongs and



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serve scrumptious hors d'oeuvres as Daniel lubricates you with an open bar from 10pm-12am. Daniel Nardicio's Masked Ball @ The Woodshop, 24 9th Av/14th St (5th Floor), thedshop.com, 10pm-6am, \$25-\$50.

JESUS, MARY & ADAM JOSEPH

DJ and all-around superstar Adam Joseph gets your New Year's started with a bang! Watch the ball drop on XES' big screen TVs and guzzle free champagne at the stroke of midnight. New Year's @ XES Lounge, 157 W 24th St, 212-604-0212, xesnyc.com, 10pm, free.

JIMMY AND JOSH FROM THE BLOC

Eastern Bloc is getting all happy-psychedelic tonight with a unicorn, kitten and rainbow-themed New Year's bash. DJs Jimmy Im and Josh Sparber serve up their gayest beats, slutty go-go boys gay it up on the pole and the rest of the Bloc crew pours free Svedka shots while shouting to the world that 2009 is gonna be the gayest year yet. New Year's @ EasternBloc, 505 E 6th St, 212-777-2555, easternblocnyc.com, 10pm, free.

LIQUID THERAPY

As close as you'd ever want to be to the madness of Times Square, therapy will be rocking in the new year with the sexiest men of Hell's Kitchen. Keo Nozari mans the DJ booth. New Year's @ therapy, 348 W 52nd St, 212-397-1700, therapy-nyc.com, 10pm, free.

MY SUGAR IS RAW

Celebrate in style at the favorite Wednesday party of Reality TV stars, Broadway royalty and A-list film industry insiders. Three-time HX Award-winning DJ Brenda Black spins a sweet mix of the best beats of 2008—plus a taste of the scrumptious new music that will delight you in 2009! Sugar New Year's Eve Party @ Vlada, 331 W 51st St, 212-974-8030, vladabar.com, 10pm, free.

SKATE INTO THE NEW YEAR

Wanna celebrate the new year with some popcorn, a camp classic and a little roughage in the form of outrageous comedienne Hedda Lettuce? Then come settle into a cozy chair at Chelsea's Clearview Cinemas for the 10pm showing of *Xanadu*, followed by an outrageous NYE countdown and stand-up show courtesy of Manhattan's very own Green Goddess. *New Year's Eve Show @ Chelsea's Clearview Cinemas*, *260 W 23rd St/8th Av, clearviewcinemas.com*, *212-691-5519*, *10pm*, *\$15*.

TWO FOUR SIX ATE

Ate Ave has one of the hottest staffs in town, and tonight these studs will do just about anything to keep their patrons warm and toasty! For the swanky lounge's New Year's party, DJ Sean Labbe gets you groovin' while gorgeous go-go boys pass out White Chocolate Espresso Martini shots, as well as free champagne at midnight. For table reservations and bottle service, call 646-763-8555. New Year's @ Ate Ave, 169 8th Av/19th St, 646-763-8355, ateave.com, 10pm, free.



THE X FACTOR

DJ Xavier is heating things up at The Ritz! Dance up a sweaty storm downstairs, or drop \$125 and hit the upstairs VI.P. lounge for delish hors d'oeuvres and an open bar from 10pm-1am. New Year's @ The Ritz, 369 W 46th St. 212-333-2554, 10pm, free, \$125 VI.P.

'CUDA BE A GOOD PARTY

The 'cuda boys are pouring strong and serving up the best deal in town with complimentary champagne at midnight and debaucherous festivities til 4am. Tonight's all about no fuss and no muss—just ample amounts of mussy. New Year's @ Barracuda, 275 W 22nd St, 212-645-8613, 10pm, free.

VYNL TAP

Chris Ryan is luring all his hot buddies over to Hell's Kitchen hotspot Vynl for a full open bar and tantalizing food spread. Peppermint works it out as your hostess and DJ Vito Fun spins all the best tracks of the year. Vynl, 754 9th Av/51st St, vynl-nyc.com, 212-974-2003, 10:30pm, \$85.

ZIP IT!

Murray Hill rings in the New Year with New York's wildest and wackiest performers, including Dirty Martini, Neal Medlyn, Bridget Everett and Kenny Mellman. Expect no inhibitions, heavy drinking, lots of high fives and the World Famous Bob's Midnight Boob Drop! Murray Hill's New Year's @ The Zipper Factory, 336 W 37th St, 212-352-3101, thezipperfactory.com, 10:30pm, \$35, \$75 V.I.P.

RICH AND SORTA FAMOUS

The hilarious and profane Miss Richfield 1981 is blowing into New York with her one-woman show, Miss Richfield Uncorked. The irrepressible beauty queen will have you reeling even before the complimentary midnight champagne toast. The Cutting Room, 19 W 24th St, 212-352-3101, spincyclenyc.com, 11pm, \$25.

TICKLE ME, ELMO

elmo is known as the gayest restaurant in New York, and with frequent sightings of Anderson Cooper, Tyra Banks and *The Real World* boys, how could it not be? Tonight, celebrate with great grub, DJ JonJon Battles on the decks, a free champagne toast and, of course, elmo's signature sexy staff tending to your every need. Dinner seatings are at 8.30 and 10:30pm. *New Year's @ elmo, 156 7th Av/20th St. elmorestaurant.com. 212-337-8000. 11pm. free.*

NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE

Linda Simpson hosts a bubbly array of entertainers plucked from NYC's gay, burlesque and avant-garde performance scenes. The line-up includes proud-to-be-Eurotrash band Whore's Mascara, raunchy songstress Wendy Ho, striptease star Darlinda Just Darlinda, performance art sexpot Erin Markey and an array of stunning drag performers. New Year's After Party @ Joe's Pub, 425 Lafayette St/Astor PI, 212-267-7555, joespub.com, 12:30am, \$30.

3D DISCO

Two of mr. Black's most notorious parties join forces for a marathon DJ battle between Gary 49 and Tubway. To top things off, Gary 49 is going 3D, so come prepared to trip out on the neon décor and psychedelic lights. New Year's @ mr. Black, 251 W 30th St, mrblacknyc.com, 2am–9am, \$30.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

Evolution leaps forward again as Victor Calderone pushes New York's party kids into the future at this special Evolve after hours event. Joined by special guest DJs The Martinez Bros and Jason Ojeda, The scintillating beats will surely whip you into a frenzy. Liquor is served all day. Evolve Afterhours @ Roseland Ballroom, 239 W 52nd St/8th Av, roselandballroom.com, 212-247-0200, 4am-9am, \$75, \$150 V.I.P.

DANNY BOY

Danny Tenaglia gets the party boys (and girls) shakin' at Pacha with another hard, long and sweaty set. So get on the dance floor with your hosts Anthony Lamont and Vivacious and party like it's 2009! Attack of the 50-Foot Tenaglia @ Pacha, 618 W 46th St/11th Av, 212-757-9743, 4am-9pm, cover varies, \$50 w/ HX ad.



MUSTS

THURSDAY / JAN 1

LEHMAN AND HIS BROTHERS

DJs Manny Lehman and Alyson Calagna keep the party goin' strong at The Saint At Large's newest bash. After their fantastic Halloween and Holiday parties, we're sure glad these boys are staging their own nightlife revival for us! Revival @ Espace, 635 W 42nd St/11th Av, saintatlarge.com, 212-674-8541, 11:30pm, \$60-\$75.

FRIDAY / JAN 2

I SEEN BEYONCÉ AT TRASH!

As we all know, a slew of drag queens are currently re-enacting Beyoncé's "Single Ladies" video. But none of them are doin' it quite like drag legend Peppermint! Check out the Pepster's late-night performance at DJ Jess and Alex Malfunction's seedy Trash! party at its new location below Webster Hall. Trash! @ The Studio at Webster Hall, 125 E 11th St, 212-252-1600, indierotica.com, 10pm, \$5 w/flyer, \$10 without.

STARRY NIGHTS

Hector Fonseca loves his job so much that he's workin' on his birthday. So all you horny homos better come out to pay homage to the recent HX cover boy-and slurp up the free vodka til 11pm. Star Fridays @ Star Lounge, 222 W 23rd St/7th Av, starloungenyc.com, 212-255-4646, 10pm, free.

SATURDAY / JAN 3

THREE MINUTES TO LOVE

Speed dating is just that: go on a series of one-on-one three-minute dates, draw up a list of guys you like, then find out your matches! Qwik Dates 30s/40s @ LGBT Center, 208 W 13th St, 212-971-1084, gwikdates.com, 8pm, \$20.

REBEL REBEL

Nobody does '80s pop quite like bisexual glam god David Bowie. Tonight, Georgie Seville (Motherf*cker) and Justin Tranter (Semi-Precious Weapons) host the fifth annual Bowie Birthday Bash with stunning career-spanning visuals, sexy go-go dancers and a live Ziggy Stardust tribute by Ziggy Starlet. Glamdammit @ Don's Hill, 511 Greenwich St/Spring St, 212-219-2850, glamdammitnyc.com, 10pm, \$10, \$7 with RSVP.

SUNDAY / JAN 4

DANCING QUEENS

Today marks your last chance to witness the internationallyacclaimed, all-male comedy ballet company Les Ballets Trockadero at The Joyce. The Trocks' witty choreographic jokes will surely have you in stitches. Les Ballets Trockadero @ The Joyce, 175 8th Av/19th St, 212-242-0800, joyce.org, 3pm, \$19-\$59.

MONDAY / JAN 5

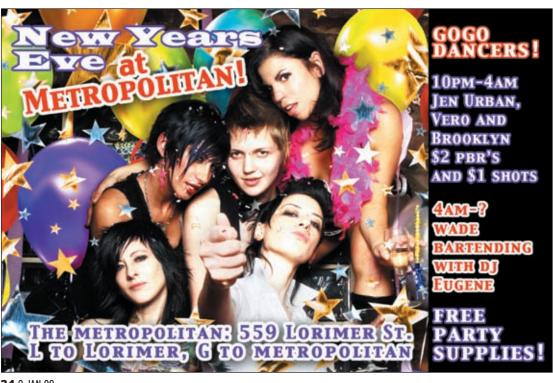
OY GAY

A veteran D-list Broadway starlett and self-proclaimed "black sheep rule-breaker," Jackie Hoffman is sure to get you laughing with stories of her trials and tribulations in the big city. Jackie Hoffman @ Joe's Pub, 425 Lafayette St/Astor Place, 212-967-7555, joespub. com, 7:30pm, \$30.

TUESDAY / JAN 6

METROSEXUALS

Hop on the L train and tunnel it over to Metropolitan for the Williamsburg hotspot's first installment of its new comedy show, SRSLY LOL. Your tri-fag-ta of hosts, H. Alan Scott, Garry Hannon and Bryan Wilson, welcome gay-larious comedians Shawn Hollenbach,



Ben Lerman and Michelle Buteau for an all-out assault on your funny bone. SRSLY LOL @ Metropolitan, 559 Lorimer St/Metropolitan Av. 718-599-4444. 9pm. free.

WEDNESDAY / JAN 7

HOMOLARIOUS

The best of gay stand-up joins forces at Gotham Comedy Club this evening to warm the cockles of the heart, melt those winter doldrums and crack you up. With a line-up that includes Michele Balan, Cole James, Jessica Kirson, Jason Saft and host Dave Rubin, your knee will be sore from all that slapping! Homo Comicus @ Gotham Comedy Club, 208 W 23rd St, 212-367-9000, gothamcomedyclub.com, 8:30pm, \$15 W/ two beverage minimum.

CRUISING ALTITUDE

Want to get away? Take a trip to Inwood's Skyline Café, where the drag divas will be hot and DJ Mike Da Wizard's beats will be heavy. Enjoy drink specials, join the mile high club or just hang out and get dirty in the cockpit. Grand Re-Opening Party of Fabuloso Airways @ Skyline Café, 3845 10th Aw/206th St, 212-304-0068, myspace. com/skylinecafe2006, 10pm, free.

FRIDAY / JAN 9

WHAT A LUG

Get ready, 'cause Joe Fiore has coerced legendary DJ Lugnut out of his cave for an epic weekend of fun and fur. Tonight, Lugnut will be gettin' grizzly with the boys of Metrobears, serving up great tunes and a great vibe at The Dugout. DJ Lugnut @ The Dugout, 185 Christopher St/Weehawken St, thedugoutny.com, 212-242-9113, 9pm, \$5, \$3 for Metrobears members.



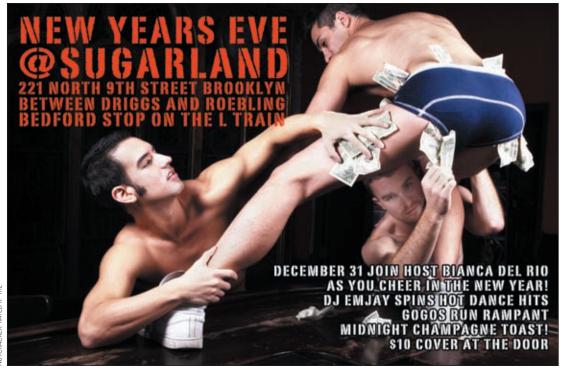
OH MY GOTH

It's cold and dark outside, and tonight at 1984, it's cold and dark inside, too. Goth it up at this '80s bash while videos from The Cure, Sioussie, Bauhaus and their cohorts darken the big screens. But don't worry, the party won't get too macabre. As always, DJ Chip Duckett keeps things peppy on the dance floor! 1984 @ Pyramid, 101 Av A/6th St, 212-462-9077, spincyclenyc.com, 10pm, \$8.

SATURDAY / JAN 10

NO DICK TRACY

Alright, so she might only be the world's second most famous lesbian DJ, but at least she's known for her fierce mixing, not her love of la Lohan. Check out Tracy Young at Splash tonight and see why she's everyone from Madonna to Idina Menzel's favorite DJ. John Blair Saturdays @ Splash, 50 W 17th St, splashbar.com, 212-691-







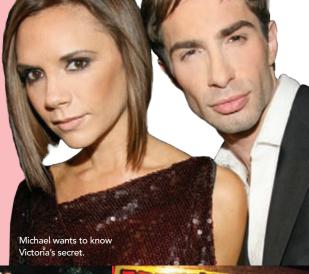


ITHAPPENEDINJAN

Daniel Nardicio debuted his D Card, entitling members to dirty advantages at his parties. Disney later protested that thedcard.com was too similar to its own kid-friendly dcard.com... Cops stormed The Cock at 3:50am supposedly in response to noise complaints, though an item on Gawker suggested they may have been after DJ Man Parrish... Facing exorbitant rents, Michael Formika Jones shut down Boysroom's second incarnation on 13th and A, moving his parties across the street to Rapture Café, only to have that venue close its doors three months later... In Touch claimed that Michael Lucas asked The Hills star Spencer Pratt to star in one of his XXX flicks.

ITHAPPENEDINFEB

Erik Rhodes was linked to Marc Jacobs in Page Six and a mini-scandal involving Jacobs' on-again-off-again BF Jason Preston followed... Michael Lucas bumped heads with Victoria Beckham's security quards at Marc Jacobs' fashion show, calling her a "ridiculous, tacky little woman," and "a cameo actress from Ugly Betty." Yet, somehow, he still managed to snap a pic with Posh... Speaking of Posh, the Spice Girls reunited after six years appart for a world wide concert tour. When Ginger, Scarey, Baby, Posh and Sporty hit Madison Square Garden, we were totally there screaming our hearts out like 14-yearold girls... Another victim of NYC's vicious real estate market, Xth Ave Lounge closed its doors after 11 years.









Jason and Erik:

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CLUBLANDCOUPLES

For our annual Valentine's Day issue, we spotlighted New York nightlife's many love connections (including Richie Rennt and boyfriend Jason, pictured above).



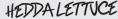
DJ Tekshur & Cock bartender Owen

Rapture Café's Mr. Joe & Basil Twist

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INQUOTES

"THE GUY WANTED TO HAVE A THREE-WAY WITH ME AND MY DOG!"



on her weirdest one-night-stand from our Valentine's Day issue











THEBLACKESTNIGHTOFTHEYEAR BLACK PARTY





NYC's leather-clad danger boys came out in full force for the Saint at Large's 29th annual Black Party at Roseland Ballroom. Thankfully nobody pooped on the dance floor this year.

ITHAPPENEDINMAR

Alegria moved to Webster Hall after Studio Mezmor "took a very different direction," according to Ric Sena... A hepatitis scare at Socialista couldn't keep the boys away from Josh Wood's Sunday night party... Our Janet Jackson cover story got some coverage on E! due to Janet's advice to a "Janet" drag queen should she encountered to the state of the stat

ter a "Madonna" drag queen: "Kick the bitch's ass!"... We kiki'd with Al Capone's gay grandson Chris W. Knight at The Cock... Rumors swirled that Hot Mess host Lady k stole a bunch of stuff from Amanda Lepore's table at Hiro after photographer Nico lliev's credit cards were used at a store by an African America tranny.

François Sagat meets Ladyfag.

THEYEARINGAY (2008)



APRIL



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Very Good Looking gay boys

ITHAPPENEDINAPR

Mimi Imfurst stopped into a Duane Reade on her way to host Psycho Babble at therapy when an employee began spewing hate speech at her in front of other customers. Our girl filed a complaint and called for a Duane Reade boycott... The premiere of Casper Andreas' A Four Letter Word at Chelsea Clearview was so oversold that even some cast members, like Adam Joseph, couldn't get in... Pop Rocks! briefly relocated to Bowery club Pink before taking an extended hiatus. The popular party is back and better than ever at original venue Bar 13 now... A pipe burst at Josh Wood's Star Fridays at the Chelsea Hotel, dousing the boys on the dance floor as DJ Corey Craig spun "Umbrella" and "It's Raining Men."

MADONNA FORYOU

Little queer hearts all over the city broke when they couldn't get their hands on tickets to Madonna's one-night-only min-concert at Roseland Ballroom celebrating the release of *Hard Candy*. The big M made it up to us a few months later when her Sticky and Sweet world tour rolled into NYC.



MAY

THEYEARINGAY (2008)









Michael Musto and Chuck Attix managed to beat their personal record of nine gay bars in one night, but when we affectionately called the pair "crazy drunks" Musto had to correct us via Gawker, Turns out, he's a sober sister... Trai La Trash took some heat from the bear community after being hired as The Dugout's manager and appearing in our annual Bear Issue. Homegirl packed up and moved to Kentucky a few weeks later... Chelsea's Food Bar closed after 15 years of serving omelets and mimosas to gay boys... Daniel Nardicio's cast of kooks weren't the craziest peeps at The West Side Club for Dlist's Great Atlantic City Road Trip. Some creep whipped out a knife and tried to stab several patrons before being hauled off by the cops.



ANAMAZINGPRIDE

This year's NYC Pride was marked by the return of Candis Cayne, a spectacular performance by Jennifer Hudson at the annual Pier Dance and, of course, HX's slumber party themed parade float. The rain poured down on Pride Sunday, but that didn't stop the boys from partying!







2008HXAWARDS



Drag Queen of the Year and Best Bar winners Peppermint and the staff of Barracuda pose with the hotspot's HX Award plaque after the ceremony. The star-studded awards show kicked off Pride week at The Chelsea Clearview Cinema with hosts Stephen Guarino and Julie Goldman.

ITHAPPENEDINJUN

Though host Charles Winters swore there was no drama behind Hot Mess' departure from Porky's, we heard it was due to the bar's less than friendly security... After nearly 20 years of performing together, Justin Bond and Kenny Mellman put the kibosh on their Kiki and Herb personas in order to pursue other projects. We hear the split was less than amicable... When plans to demolish the building never came to fruition, it looked like Roxy was going to reopen. Of course, that dream was never realized either... Destiny's Child's Michelle Williams made a special appearance at Splash. We heard that at least a few airheaded homos were expecting Heath Ledger's widow.





JULY / AUGUST

"I KISSED A GIRL AND I LIKED IT"

— KATY PERRY, "I KISSED A GIRL," HX'S SONG OF SUMMER









ITHAPPENEDINJUL&AUG

Estelle Getty passed away at the age of 84. For weeks, clubs all over the city played Golden Girls tribute montages as the boys wept... Lindsay Lohan and DJ Samantha Ronson were spotted dancing to the Ting Tings' "That's Not My Name" at The Cock's Monday night bash Twin Cheeks... The look on Jason Preston's face was priceless when the door staff at mr. Black stamped his Marc Jacobs logo tattoo with their "Love You Long Time!" stamp... Plans for the new Avalon West Chelsea luxury apartment complex across the street from The Eagle left us wondering what might become of the leather bar's roof deck—not to mention the Folsom Street East fetish fair... The hannual Fire Island mega parties Bay Dance and Ascension were bigger and better than ever this year, drawing New York's hottest DJs and sexiest studs out to the beach for sun-soaked dancing and debauchery!





After he was reportedly banned from mr. Black, Amanda Lepore's boyfriend Tim started showing up to the dance den in a pig costume. "Petey Pig" was such a hit with the crowd that the

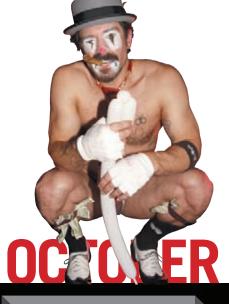


GAYKENCOMESOUT

Clay Aiken officailly outted himself on the cover of People Magazine, posing with his newborn some. As news hit the blogosphere, HX's receptionist took upon himself to announce the momentous occasion over the office intercom. It was indeed a day for rejoicing, for Claymates and civilians alike.

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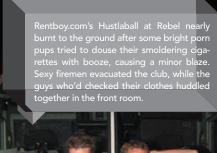
Hurricane Gustav rained out much of the Southern Decadence festivities, prompting former HX Editor and New Orleans native Brandon Voss to deliver a big "I told you so!" to all the NYC kids who went...After appearing on America's Got Talent, Shequida returned to Barracuda's Star Search, comparing her experience on the NBC show to jury duty in drag...Natasha Bedingfield made a surprise appearance at The Trinity's Cuckoo Club at Hiro Ballroom after we leaked the rumor the week before...Daniel Nardicio claimed that certain business owners in the Fire Island Pines managed to stop ferries from shuttling people from their 'hood to the Cherry Grove...HX Editor Brandon Voss stepped down after nearly four years with the pub. Associate Editor John Russell took his place as the mag's Senior Editor.



ITHAPPENEDINOCT



After Michael Musto mistakenly reported that mr. Black was shut down due to failure to pay its taxes, Stuart Black announced that the club would be relocating to the first floor of Rebel... Host Sherry Vine got a little more than friendly with one of the few straight boys at our annual Gay Erotic Expo, our biggest XXX event yet... Epiphany, dressed in a dirndle, was seen fisting a cute boy at Daniel Nardicio's Oktoberfist... Promoter James Coppola announced his ongoing search for a sexy amputee to join his entourage of freaks... Saint at Large posterboy Doug Repetti won our first ever Mr. HX pageant. Splash was packed with cuties for the Aussiebum sponsored event... P!nk totally stood us up for an interview on Halloween! Her rep said she was sick, but the pop star was photographed at two different Halloween parties. Our hearts broke just a little... Junior Vasquez and Peter Rauhofer teamed up for the first time in NYC at Salem, the Saint at Large's first Halloween party in 14 years.







Dangerous Muse at the Saint's Halloween party

Roisin Murphy

Mr. HX Doug Repetti realizes his dream.

THEYEARINGAY







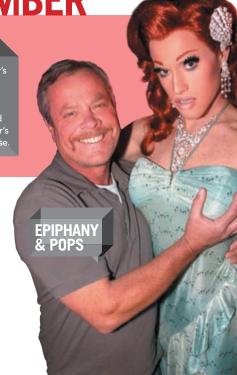






ITHAPPENEDINNOV&DEC

Michael Lucas married his boyfriend Richard Winger in West Hollywood... Door whore Myk'l was forced to give David Furnish's assistant a thorough reading when Mrs. Elton John tried to skip the line at mr. Black... East Village Radio cancelled Daniel Nardicio's DList Radio, calling the show inappropriate and offensive... The Stonewall Foundation's Revel party raised a record-breaking \$90,000+... Peter Rauhofer's Work party at Cielo was so over-crowded that poor little homos who'd stepped outside to smoke weren't even allowed back inside to get their coats... Logan Hardcore got a black eye from some drunk who tried to steal his bottle at HK Lounge... HX celebrated our 900th issue with an epic photographic tribute to New York's gay nightlife scene. Check it out again on HX.com.



Chelsea

BARRACUDA

This five time HX Award-winning hot spot hosts great DJs and fierce drag shows seven nights a week. Happy hour 4–9pm Mon–Fri, 2-4-1 drinks. 275 W 22nd St, 212-645-8613.

BRITE BAR

Enjoy the ground-floor view of the Empire State at this sleek, chic, mixed but very gay-friendly lounge. Happy hour 5:30–8pm Tue–Fri, \$5 well, \$3 beers. 297 10th Aw27th St, 212-279-9706, britebar com

THE EAGLE

Hot men, cold beer & great music at this sexy, cruisy leather/Levi classic. 554 W 28th St, 646-473-1866, eaglenyc.com.

G LOUNGE

The original Chelsea lounge, happy hour 4–9pm Mon–Fri. 225 W 19th St, 212-929-1085, glounge.com.

GYM

NYC's first gay sports bar, with bigscreen TVs, pool table, outdoor patio & basement Locker Room lounge. Happy hour til 9pm Mon–Fri. 167 8th Aw18th St, 212-337-2439, gymsportsbar.com.

MR. BLACK

This sexy dance den is where NYC's nightlife in-crowd goes to frolic. 251 W 30th St, mrblacknyc.com.

RAWHIDE

Small but friendly cruise bar in the heart of Chelsea, supporting the leather/Levi crowd for more than 25 years. Happy hour 10am–10pm every day, beer blast Sat & Sun. 212 8th Aw21st St, 212-242-9332.

RUSH

Gay-owned & operated, all gay, all the time. And it's not just for the college twinks anymore! 579 6th Av/16th St, 212-243-6100.

SECRET

Sexy, secluded gay lounge from the creators of hell & Big Cup. Nightly happy hours, DJs, drink specials. 525 W 29th St, 212-268-5580.

SPLASH

Quintessential Chelsea mega-bar lives up to your expectations. State-of-the-art sound, bigger dance floor, basement lounge, free WiFi, sexy bathrooms. Happy hour 2-4-1 4-9pm. 50 W 17th St, 212-691-0073, splashbar.com.

VIEW BAR

Stylish spot to be seen on the Eighth Ave strip. Happy hour Mon-Fri 4-9pm. 232 8th Av/22nd St, 212-929-2243, viewbarnyc.com.

XES LOUNGE

Chelsea's after-work spot with drag queens, top DJs, cool patio, hot guys, no attitude, sexy bartenders & strong drinks. Happy hour 4–9pm weekdays. 157 W 24th St, 212-604-0212, xesnvc.com.

East Side

EVOLVE

Recently-renovated modish contemporary lounge with the friendliest staff, longest gay bar in the city and VIP lounge, Happy hour 4–7pm. 221 E 58th St, 212-355-3395.

TOOL BOX

This veteran East Side bar features porn screens & cruising in the Tea Room. 1742 2nd Av/91st St, 212-348-1288.

THE TOWNHOUSE

Upscale professionals and their fans gather around the piano or cruise the downstairs club room. Happy hour 4–7pm every day. 236 E 58th St, 212-754-4649, townhouseny.com.

UNCLE CHARLIE'S

Say uncle! This sleek piano bar caters to an older, more sophisticated crowd of confirmed bachelors. 139 E 45th St, 212-661-9097, unclecharliesnyc.com.

THE WEE

Asian men and admirers fill this dance club, cabaret and lounge. Happy hour 4–9pm Mon–Fri, go-gos from 7pm. 40 E 58th St, 212-308-1546, thewebny.com.

East Village

BOILER ROOM

East Village landmark stuffed with cuties. Happy hour 2-4-1 4-8pm. PBR cans always \$2.50. Internet jukebox, \$3 well drinks after 10pm. 86 E 4th St, 212-254-7536, boilerroomnyc.com.

THE COCK

Rock 'n' sleaze fag dive with a wild late night crowd of the East Village's gutterfabulous. Filthy and fun. 29 2nd Av/2nd St, thecockbar.com.

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A new, stylish East Village lounge from the owners of The Urge. 31 2nd Av/2nd St

EASTERNBLOC

The coolest bar this side of the iron curtain. Strong drinks, happening crowd, go-gos Thu–Sat, kickass DJs, non-stop fun. Happy hour 7–10pm every day. 505 E 6th St, 212-777-2555, easternblocnyc.com.

THE HOSE

Brand-spanking new East Village lounge with dancing, debauchery and cheap drinks galore. 225 Av B/13th St, 212-979-850.

NOWHERE

Nowhere is somewhere w/ a great jukebox, killer drink specials, mixed gayles crowd and cozy, comfortable vibe. Happy hour 3-9pm Sun-Thu, \$2 PBR all the time! 322 E 14th St, 212-477-4744, gaybarsnyc.com.

PHOENIX

Large and stylish bar with a lack of attitude. No pretense, no theme nights, just drink and laugh with friends, new and old. Pool table, excellent jukebox, beers on tap. Happy hour 4-8pm (2-4-1 domestic beer, well drinks), drink specials 10pm-4am. 447 E 13th St, 212-477-9979, gaybarsnyc.com.

SECTION 8

Unfussy gay bar with pool table, happy hour 4–8pm—and all day on Sun—and brilliantly eclectic jukebox. 218 Av A/13th St, 212-228-3811.

THE URGE

Spacious and friendly East Village lounge with huge two-tier center bar, comfy nooks to frolic in, nightly DJs, cute bartenders, plasma TVs, go-go boys, game shows, drag performances. Happy hour 2-4.1 4-10pm. 33 2nd Aw2nd St, 212-533-5757, theurgenyc.com.

Midtown

BARRAGE

Midtown gay spot for the theater district's upwardly-tipsy set from the

creators of therapy. 401 W 47th St, 212-586-9390.

ESCUELITA

Latino club gives wild shows amid dancing to house, salsa, merengue. Drag shows, go-go boys, theme events, giveaways. 301 W 39th St, 212-631-0588, enyclub.com, 18+.

HK LOUNGE

This stylish destination for Hell's Kitchen's gay boys and their girlfriends has got all the gay bar essentials: drag queens, DJs and go-go boys! Happy hour 6–9:30pm, seven days a week. 409 W 39th Styth Av, 212-947-4208, hkhellskitchen.com.

NINTH AVENUE SALOON

Gay-friendly boozin' in Midtown. Happy hour 4–8pm. Chill, divey atmosphere. 656 9th Av/46th St, 212-307-1503.

POSH

Hell's Kitchen's version of an East Village bar for all the uptown boys who miss that downtown vibe. Open 4pm-4am daily, happy hour 2-4-1 4-8pm. 405 W 51st St, 212-957-2222, poshbar.com.

THE RITZ

Two-story nautical-themed bar and lounge with outdoor patios and guest DJs. 2007 HX Award Winner–Best New Venue. 369 W 46th St, 212-333-2554.

THERAPY

Chic two-level lounge, with cabaret shows, food menu and nightly DJs. Happy hour 5–8pm every day. Known for being jam-packed with deliciously flexible chorus boys. 348 W 52nd St, 212-397-1700, therapy-nyc.com.

VLADA

Gorgeous gay lounge w/ 15 special infused vodkas and the only ice bar in the city, plus a full menu. Happy hour 2-4-1 4pm–8pm, 2am–4am Sun–Thu. 331 W 51st St, 212-974-8030, vladabar.com.

West Side

BILLIE'S BLACK

Gay-owned and operated bar-loungegrill. 271 W 119th St, 212-280-2248, billiesblack.com.

CANDLE BAR

Cute bartenders, a comfortable atmosphere and cheap drinks. 309 Amsterdam Av/74th St, 212-799-0062.

NO PARKING

Find an alternative space at Washington Heights' only full-time gay bar. Go-gos nightly. Happy hour 5–10pm daily, 2-4-1 cocktails. 4168 Bway/177th St, 212-923-8700.

SUITE

Stylish neighborhood gay bar w/ drag shows and drink specials. 992 Amsterdam Av/109th St, 212-222-4600, suitenyc.com.

West Village

BOOTS & SADDLES

Village person's gay bar w/ digital jukebox, hi-def TVs, hot go-go boys seven days a week, weekend beer blast and more. Happy hour 3–9pm. 76 Christopher St, 212-929-9684.

CHI CHIZ

Hot spot for men of color. Happy hour 2-4-1 5–9pm Mon–Sat, all day & night Sun. 135 Christopher St/Hudson St, 212-462-0027.

THE CUBBYHOLE

Cozy neighborhood bar, classic jukebox. Laid back, unpretentious, very mixed crowd. Happy hour 4–7pm Mon–Sat. 281 W 12th St, 845-483-7584.

THE DUGOUT

Laid-back, manly, butch bear crowd that's not afraid of a healthy beer gut or a little facial hair. Great jukebox & pool table. \$3 drafts. Happy hour 12–1am Mon–Fri. Special theme nights. 185 Christopher St/Weehawken St, 212-242-9113, thedugoutny.com.

THE DUPLEX

Venerable three-level cabaret and piano bar. Singers and comedians downstairs, piano from 9pm, cabaret shows and game room upstairs. Diverse but very gay local crowd. 61 Christopher St/7th Av, 212-255-5438, theduplex.com.

THE HANGAR

Always packed with a diverse but nontrendy crowd of locals, tourists and stray Chelsea boys. Everyone welcome. Happy hour 3–9pm Mon-Fri. 115 Christopher St/Bleecker St, 212-627-2044, myspace.com/hanearmvc.

HENRIETTA HUDSON

Jam-packed lesbian club-lounge known for star sightings. Multicultural and gay boy friendly. Happy hour 5–7pm Mon–Fri; pool table til 4am. 438 Hudson St/Morton St. 212-924-3347.

JULIUS'

This landmark Village bar has been around since the '60s and still attracts a devoted clientele of mature men. 159 W 10th St. 212-243-1928.

MARIE'S CRISIS

Broadway showtune sing-a-long bar with live music after 5:30pm every day. Cheapest happy hour in town 4–9pm. 59 Grove St/7th Av, 212-243-9323, 4pm-4am.

THE MONSTER

This landmark bar offers two floors of fun. Piano bar upstairs, hot music in the disco downstairs, hot boys à la carte, great cocktails and fun for 25 years so they must be doing something right! Enjoy happy hour prices Mon–Fri 4–9pm. 80 Grove St/Sheridan Sq. 212-924-3558, manhattan-monster.com.

PIECES

Festive bar for local homos and borough boys. Lots of rainbows, glitter and videos. Happy hour 2–8pm Mon–Fri. 8 Christopher St/Greenwich Av, 212-929-9291, piecesbar.com.

STONEWALL

Fully refurbished landmark fag bar is a little slice of gay history, now with riots of the fun and frisky kind! 53 Christopher St/Sheridan Sq, 212-488-2705. thestonewallinn.net.

TRANSGENDER CAFÉ

Mix and mingle with all kinds of people. Everyone welcome no matter what gender every night of the week. Village Café, 137 7th Av/W 10th St, 212-337-3134.

TY'S

Centrally-located friendly watering hole for bears, leather guys, daddies and friends. 114 Christopher St/Bedford St, 212-741-9641.

Brooklyn

THE ABBEY

Mixed bar that attracts art fags and straight hipsters. Happy hour 3–8pm Mon–Fri. Pool table, jukebox, drink specials. An overall good time, kids. 536 Driggs Av/N 8th St, W'burg, 718-599-4400

CATTYSHACK

Two-story club by creator of Meow Mix, W BBQ, outdoor patio, video games. Tue: Trivia Night. Wed: Karaoke W Sherry Vine, Oink leather night. Thu: Margarita Madness. Fri: Cirrah. Sat: Shack 249. Sun: Beer Bust. 249 4th Aw/President St, Pk Slp, 718-230-5740, cattyshackbklyn.com.

DEITY

Glamorous lounge/art space that is a work of art itself. Sun: Gypsy w/ host Scandelle. 368 Atlantic Av, 718-222-3692, deitynyc.com.

EXCELSIOR

Mixed gay cocktail bar with porch and outdoor garden. Very eclectic jukebox. Happy hour, \$1 off all drinks, \$2 Yeungling, 6-8pm Mon-Fri, 2-7pm Sat-Sun. 390 5th Aw6th St, Pk Slp, 718-832-1599.

GINGER'S BAR

Park Slope lesbian & gay bar with a friendly Bklyn crowd. Pool table, video games, killer jukebox, monthly drink specials, outdoor patio. 363 5th Av/5th St, Pk Slp, 718-788-0924.

KOPPERFIELDS

Same-sex secret garden w/ high energy. House, hip-hop, R&B, salsa. Happy hour 8–9pm. 8910 5th Av/89th Av, Bay Ridge, 718-745-9609, 8pm Sat, \$7.

LANGSTON LOUNGE

Brooklyn's downlow choice. Tue: Black Bar Code w/ DJ Ken Terry plays hiphop for black gay men. Thu: Hot Thug Thursdays, hip-hop, R&B & reggae, amateurs strip for \$100 cash. 1073 Atlantic Av/Franklin Av, 718-623-5780.

METROPOLITAN

Mixed gay-les crowd, arty/hipster set w/ video games, pool table, outside patio, free internet. Happy hour 3-8pm Mon-Fri. Tue: Queereoke. 559 Lorimer St/Metropolitan Av, W'burg, 718-599-4444, gaybarsnyc.com.

OUTPOST

Café by day, lounge by night. Back garden, hot bar staff, fun mixed crowd, homemade red and white sangria. Mon: Beer for a Buck. Wed: Open Mic. 1014 Fulton St/Grand Av, Clinton Hill, 718-636-1260, outpostlounge.com.

DBAD

Bring your iPods, walkmen, microcassette recorders and play for free. \$2 beer, \$4 cocktails. 451 Meeker Av/Graham Av, W'burg, 718-486-6616, 10pm Tue.

SUGARLAND

The sweet spot for sweet boys in BK.
Wed: Sweet-n-Low underwear party. Fri:
Frisky Friday w/ DJs Corey TuT & Aaron
Elvis. Sat: Ticklyn w/ DJ Emjay. Sun:
Squirt w/ DJ Adam Joseph. 221 N 9th
St/Driggs Av, Williamsburg, Bklyn, 718599-4044.

Queens

ALBATROSS

Cozy and friendly gay-les neighborhood bar, with pool table, dartboard, digital jukebox & cheap drinks. Happy hour 6–9pm. Fri: Karaoke w/ Cynthia Alvarez. Sat: mixed Dls. 36-19 24th Av/Astoria Blvd, Astoria, 718-204-9045, albatrossbar.com.

CANDY GIRLS

Lesbian bar in the heart of Queens, open Wed-Sun. Wed: Happy Hump Day afterwork party. Thu: Escape, 2-4-1 drinks, salsa. Fri: Culations, DJ Culi, half-price drinks til midnight. Sat: Sweet Sensation. Sun: reggaeton, pool table. Get your dancin' shows on! 54-11 Northern Blvd, Woodside, 718-777-7760, candygirlslounge@aol.com.

THE CAVE

Opening up for the gays. Fri: \$1 drinks 10–11pm. 31-11 Bway/31st St, Astoria, 212-714-8149, thecaveinastoria.com.

CHUECA

Great Latin-popular girl bar and restaurant, famous for gorgeous shot girls. Happy hour 6–8pm Wed-Sun. Wed: Mystic, latin night. Thu: Captive, reggae night. Fri: Hype, tequila shots. Sat. Adren-aline, bartenders dance. Sun: Insomnia. Calientel 69-04 Woodside Av, Woodside 7,18-424-1171, chuecabar.com.

CLUB ATLANTIS

The hot Latin megaclub is better and wetter than ever. 76-19 Roosevelt Av, Jackson Hts, 718-457-3939, cluballantism.com.

DIVA'S PLACE

Queens' newest LGBT bar/lounge, open Tue-Sun. 41-46 54th St, Woodside, 718-533-0011.

FRIENDS TAVERN

The oldest gay bar in Queens. Jukebox, happy hour 4–9pm Mon–Sat. Tue: reggaeton w/ Alan & Jose. Wed: happy hour all day, DJ Javier. Thu: DJ Yayo, drink specials. Fri–Sat: dance party. Sun: 4pm BBQ. 78-11 Roosevelt Av, Jackson Hts, 718-397-7256.

HELLGATE SOCIAL

After work drinks for the "alternative" crowd in Queens. Happy hour 7–11pm outdoor. Fun, friendly crowd. Cheap drinks. 12-21 Astoria Blvd/14th St, Astoria, 718-204-8313, hellgatesocial. com, 7pm Mon.

MUSIC BOX

12-year veteran wi jukebox, pool table, games in SoHo-like setting. Happy hour 4-8pm Mon-Fri, 4-9pm Sat-Sun. Mon: Pool tournament, \$3 Bud. Tue: Slammin', all drinks half price. Thu: Spicy, diva shows, strippers. Second Fri: Barbra Herr. 40-08 74th St, Jackson Hts, 718-457-5306.

Staten Island

HUSH

Staten Island's sexy gay nightclub and lounge. Boys & girls welcome, DJ Lenny Travato. 20 Ellis St, Staten Is, 718-227-1500, scoobproductions.com, 10pm Thu & Sat, 18+.

KRAVÉ

The only all-gay bar on the island. Fri: classic disco & '80s. Fabulous, fun atmosphere. Sat: \$5 cover, dance music. 1389 Bay St, Staten Is, 718-720-3158, 9pm-4am.





THIS IS **YOUR NIGHT**

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT SPLASH WILL BE WETTER THAN EVER

As the ball drops in Times Square, the party will just be starting at Splash. We chatted with your host Dougie about all the titillating treats he has in store, including a mindblowing performance by pop divas Amber and Zelma Davis.—Rob Berg

HX: Wow, what a lineup you have on New Year's Eve. Zelma Davis and Amber!

Dougie: Yes, we're thrilled. These are two extremely talented women and they've recently collaborated to drop a new single which is a cover of Donna Summer and Barbra Streisand's "No More Tears (Enough is Enough)."

Why is 2009's NYE bash at Splash going to be the best yet?

I'm not gonna lie, Splash manages to pull off amazing parties year after year. Over the past year, however, Splash has shifted to a much younger crowd. With their energy thrown in it'll make for an amazing atmosphere.

Sounds like quite a night!

It's true. We've actually gotten our liquor license extended til 8am! The last time I was at a party with gay boys drinking til 8am... Well, let's just say this is gonna be fun!

Will you be available for New Year's kisses at midnight?

I've got a hot surprise in the works, but we'll keep that on the hush.

New Year's Eve @ Splash, 50 W 17th St/6th Av, \$20 pre-sale tickets available at splashbar.com.

SINGLE FILE BY DJ BRENDA BLACK

THE VERONICAS "Untouched" (Von Doom Club Mix)

Energetic rolling keyboards, peppy synth strings and a catchy vocal hook are laid over pop rock dance beats. A great track for fans of Goldfrapp and Robyn.

MORGAN PAGE "The Longest Road" (Robbie Rivera Remix)

This track pumps a fresh house tempo with dramatic piano and synth build-ups. It features haunting and

seductive vocals by folk artist Lissie.

HERVE "Cheap Thrills f. Plastic Little" (Vocal Club Mix)

This one blends pop electronica, underground electro, a sample of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and sassy new wave inspired female vocals. An inventive and super fun dance track.

Brenda Black spins Vlada, Bubble Lounge, DBG. djbrendablack.com.





Originally from New Orleans, Max Rodriguez has played every legendary club in Manhattan. He has a summer residency on Fire Island at The Pines' Low Tea and a year-round residency at Splash. He also produces Centaur Music's annual Pride CD. Upcoming play dates include New Year's Eve at Splash and Mardi Gras at the Bourbon Pub in New Orleans.

DEBBY HOLIDAY "JOYFUL SOUND" (SCOTTY K REMIX)

ERIN STEVENSON

(DJ ESCAPE AND JOHNNY VICIOUS REMIX)

BIMBO JONES "AND I TRY (ORIGINAL MIX)

JUDY TORRES "HELL NO" (TONY MORAN AND WARREN RIGG MIX)

MINISTRY OF FUNK "WAY BACK" (CLUBZOUNDS MIX)

PUSSYCAT DOLLS "I HATE THIS PART"

MARIAH CAREY "I STAY IN LOVE" (JOEY DEN BROEDER MIX)

DONNA SUMMER "FAME (THE GAME)" (RALPHI ROSARIO DUB)

SOLANGE "SANDCASTLE DISCO" (DJ ESCAPE AND TONY COLLUCO MIX)

TRISTAN GARNER "GIVE LOVE"

>>> Check out HX.com to hear a selection of these tracks. ADDRESSES AND CONTACT INFO FOR THESE EVENTS ARE LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER AT THE END OF THE SECTION. (D) INDICATES A VENUE HAS A LICENSED DANCE FLOOR.

Mondays

BOXERS OR BRIEFS

The Web, 4pm, free. Check your pants for a free drink. 2-4-1 happy hour at 4–9pm and go-gos start at 8pm. (D)

GEN X

EasternBloc, 10pm, free. DJ Sean Labbé spins rock for the sexy crowd.

ICE IT DOWN

Gym, 4pm, free. DJ Drew G, \$4 powerhouse Long Island Iced Tea specials, pitchers, flip-cup and the boys from B.A.D. Don't forget 2-4-1 happy hour 4–9pm!

LITTERBOX

The Ritz, 10pm, free. Shasta Cola is bringin' you an evening of drinkin' and drag w/ DJ Xavier tearin' it up.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Bowery Poetry Club, 7:30–10pm, free. Wisecracking nightlife drag celebs Linda Simpson and Murray Hill drop their balls like it's New Year's Eve.

MONEY WHEEL

The Urge, 10pm, free. The hilarious Gusty Winds keeps the Money Wheel rolling with DJ David Scott and a huge \$500 jackpot!

MUSICAL MONDAYS / CURTAIN CALL

Splash, 9pm, \$5 after 10pm. VJ John Bantay thrills show queens with Broadway clips from 7–11pm before Scott Nevins showcases live Broadway performers at 12am. 2-4-1 cocktails 4–9nm. (D)

PEPPERMINT

Barracuda, 11pm, free. Peppermint serves up lip-synching, live singing, sass and general kiki-ing with DJ T-Boy.

SABOR LATINO

The Monster, 10pm, \$5. DJ Tony Cruz heats up the dance floor with hot beats. Barbara Herr hosts the 11pm show with hot male dancers and \$3.75 Cuba Libre/Corona. (D)

Tuesday

DEICE

B Bar, 10pm, free. Fashionistas, trendy cuties and celebrities abound at this swanky indoor/outdoor lounge night.

THE BRITNEY HOUSTON SHOW

Dtox, midnight, free. Britney Houston provides a healthy dose of parodies packed with choreography, comedy and style. \$4 Stoli and Jack cocktails.

C. U. NEXT TUESDAY

The Cock, 11pm, free. Pile into the Cock and get cunty with slutty go-go boys and DJ Daryl Raymond. Get the week kicked off right.

CAMP KARAOKE

Barracuda, midnight, free. Epiphany and Jasen Kaplan host this anythinggoes karaoke contest w/ DJ Busted.

CRAZY KARAOKE / GOT2B[2] @

Splash, 8pm, free before 10pm, \$5 before 12am. Shequida's on the karaoke mic at 8pm with a \$100 grand prize, followed by NYC's hottest blatino dance party w/ DJs MK and Beyond. \$3 LITs from 10pm-12am. (D)

DISCO INFERNO TUESDAYS

The Monster, 10pm, free. Boogie on down memory lane with DJ Lenny T and hot male dancers. Plus \$3.50 Buds and Rolling Rocks. (D)

ISPIN UPLAY!

g Lounge, 9pm, free. DJ Dr. Brooks will take your requests tonight, so you better make them good, bitches!

MARTES MADNESS

Gym, 9pm, free. Who doesn't love a little Latin flavor? 2-4-1 Happy Hour 4–9pm, \$4 margaritas and Coronas 9 til close

MEAT MARKET

The Urge, 10pm, free. DJ Guto spins house classics. \$9 16-ounce mojitos.

TALENT TUESDAYS

Posh, 10pm, free. DJ Scottie Roxxx is searching far and wide for Hell's Kitchen's hottest body! Come shed 'em for a chance to win \$100. Keep winning and you'll be eligible for the \$1000 grand prize.

TRICKY TUESDAYS

EasternBloc, 10pm, free. Hosts Lina and Russ offer \$3 Coronas and \$5 vodka drinks with DJ Gant Johnson.

TUNE IN TUESDAYS

The Ritz, 11pm, free. Scott Nevins hosts this singing showcase with special guests and DJ Vito Fun.

Wednesdays

ASS WEDNESDAY

The Urge, midnight, free. Bust out those buns for cash as hostess Rajene gives \$100 for the hottest heinie w/ DJ Guto.

THE BIANCA DEL RIO SHOW

Dtox, 10pm, free. A racy and raunchy night with Bianca Del Rio will have you rolling out of your seats. Plus DJ David Scott and \$4 Cuervo margaritas.

THE BLONDE LEADING THE BLONDE

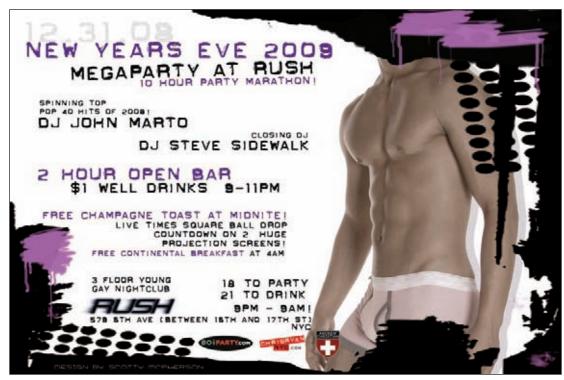
Café 50 West, 11pm, free. Sherry Vine and Epiphany prove that blondes really do have more fun!

CATTLE CALL

therapy, 11pm, free. Peppermint hosts this outrageous talent contest w/ a \$150 cash prize.

DJ DU JOUR

g Lounge, 7pm, free. Each week features a roster of guest DJs ranging from popular favorites to rising stars.



GAYS GONE WILD

The Web, 9pm, free. Get crazy with \$4 Rolling Rock, 2-4-1 happy hour and wild go-gos. (D)

GOODTIMES

EasternBloc, 10pm, free. DJs Jimmy Im and Sparber spin as you guzzle \$4 Stellas and Svedka.

LOUNGE LIZARD

The Ritz, 11pm, free. Blake Evan Sherman hosts this variety show, w/ special guests and DJ Corey TuT.

LUSH

Nowhere, 10pm, free. DJs Big Ragoo and Steven spin pop classics and more. \$3 domestics, \$2 PBR til 1am.

POP-U-LAR

Splash, 8pm, \$5 after 12am. S(he)quida and Dougie host this incrowd dance party. (D)

PORNO BINGO

Pieces, 8-10pm, free. Porn-world studs man the balls at Will Clark's themed game night, benefitting local charities.

SHASTA COLA

Barracuda, 10pm, free. DJ Will spins as Shasta Cola keeps the boys entertained.

SUGAR

Vlada, 10pm, free, DJ Brenda Black plays the sweet tracks to keep the boys coming back for more.

WHEEL OF FORESKIN

The Monster, 11pm, free. Jesse Volt snins the Wheel of Foreskin with a \$100 cash prize, Guest DJs do a

different kind of spinning after the show. (D)

Thursdays

ABSOLUT ATHLETIC ATTRACTION DISORDER

Gym, 9pm, free. DJ Dr. Brooks spins as the gay sports leagues swarm and you pound \$5 Absolut cocktails.

XES Lounge, 10pm, free. Logan Hardcore and DJ TJ host as hot guys drop 'em for a chance to win \$100.

BOYS 2 MEN

Escuelita, 10pm, cover varies, 18+, DJ Beyond heats up this all male party. (D)

BOYS GONE WILD / LLOVE NY

mr. Black, 10pm, cover varies, Jonny McGovern indulges your wild side while DJ Tekshur spins dark electro. Plus, hotas-hell go-go boys doin' the infamous towel dance!

CAMPUS THURSDAYS

Splash, 10pm, \$5-\$10, free w/ student ID before 12am. \$3 drinks, twinky gogos, live shows and a rotating roster of the most popular pop/hip-hop DJs! (D)

The Eagle, 10pm, free. It's leather, fetish and uniforms only on the second floor, where Bud Lights are just \$3.

DIRTY LAUNDRY

Dtox, 10pm, show at midnight, free. Sherry Vine serves up an all-live singing and comedy act that will leave you tumbling in the aisle.

ECHI-LICIOUS

The Ritz, 10pm, free. DJ Danny Echi spins pop, R&B, hip-hop and dance.

40C, 10pm, \$5. Get your fix of hot music from DJ Naked Highway at this pansexual dance party!

GORGEOUS

g Lounge, 9:30pm, free. Friendly hosts Franco Diluzio and Mark Lander make this a sizzling, go-go-licious party!

I DARE YOU No Parking, 9pm, free. Peppermint asks what you're willing to do for \$100.

MARGARITA MADNESS

View Bar, 7pm, free. Sit up front for a prime view and sip frozen margs and frozen cosmos for only \$2 8pm-2am.

POP

Barrage, 5pm, free. DJ Smokey pops out radio faves for the theater district and neighborhood set with happy hours 5-8pm and 11pm-12am.

POP ROCKS!

Bar 13, 10pm, free, \$2 drinks til 11pm. This pop music party boasts twinky go-gos, theme nights dedicated to pop icons and DJ Chip Duckett. (D)

POST OFFICE

Pieces, 9pm, free. Wear a number and if someone likes you they can leave you a message in your mailbox and vice versa

EasternBloc, 10pm, free. DJs Darren and Gabe spin for the hot crowd and hotter go-go boys!

STAR SEARCH

Barracuda, 11pm, free. Shequida hosts the long-running drag talent contest and spins The Wheel of Doom with DJ Keo Nozari

SUCK MY DISKOTEQUE

Vlada, 11pm, free. DJ Steven Paul drops an electronic fusion of dance, pop and hip-hop and Bianca del Rio takes the stage at 12am for another one of her hilarious sets

THURSDAY ROXX

Posh, 10pm, free. Chill out with \$3 Coronas and Rolling Rocks as DJ Scotty Rox spins the hits.

THURSTY THURSDAY

The Monster, 10pm, free. Guest DJs and hot male dancers. What more could you ask for? Try \$4 Corona and LITS! (D)

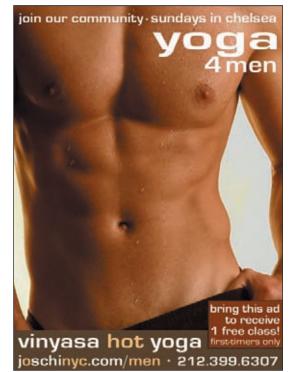
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\$5 FRIDAYS

Rush, 10pm, \$5-\$10, 18+, \$5 drafts. \$5 well drinks and \$5 cover if your over 21. Plus. DJ John Marto and free pizza! (D)

1984

Pyramid, 10pm, \$8. Dark '80s dance bash with themed parties every week based on old-school celebs. (D)





BLOC PARTY

EasternBloc, 10pm, free. Bartenders in jockstraps, pole-dancing go-gos and DJs Darren and Gabe's sweltering spinnage.

DRAG QUEEN PUPPET BINGO

View Rar 7nm free Assisted by Ine Kovacs, Greta Green and her puppet friends call Bingo for the men and boys until 10:30pm.

FREAK OUT FRIDAYS

Posh, 4pm, free. TJ the DJ cranks the tunes all night. Happy hour til 8pm.

FRISKY FRIDAYS

Sugarland, 10pm, free. Billyburgs kookiest, sexiset party with DJs Corey Tut and Aaron Elvis and super naughty go-go boys!

GARY 49

mr. Black, 10pm, \$10-\$15. Resident DJ Sammy Jo, hosts Drew, Macky and Ladyfag and of course The Ass rule this shot fueled euro-electro dance off!

therapy, 10pm, free. Get Hyped for the weekend with \$6 vodka Red Bulls and DJ David Scott.

JOYSTICK

The Cock, 10pm, \$10, DJ John Roberts continues his residency, spinning sick beats for the sleazy crowd.

JUST A PARTY

Barracuda, 10pm, free. Just a party? Hell no! Not when electro-pop expert DJ JonJon Battles mans the decks.

MAJOR

The Ritz, 10pm, free. DJ Xavier spins major dance and pop.

SECRET FRIDAYS

Escuelita, 10pm, \$10-\$20, 18+. DJs Mary Mac, Oscar Preaz and Ray Lorenzo spin hip-hop, house and more for men who love men. (D)

Westside Tavern, 10pm, \$5. DJs Rich King and Gustavo offer cheap shots,

keg stands, late-night dancing and surprises. (D)

SPECIMEN

Barrage, 9pm, free. DJ David Scott spins at this Hell's Kitchen lounge's most packed night.

SPLASH UNPLUGGED

Splash, 10pm, free. Don't let the name fool you: it's definitely still electric! DJ Brett Henrichsen spins all the killer

STAR FRIDAYS

Star Lounge, 10pm, free, Party like a Warhol superstar with Josh Wood and the hottest guys in Chelsea.







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PARTIES

T.G.I.E.

The Monster, 10pm, \$7. Thank the gays it's Friday! Guest DJs spin, hot male dancers bump and grind and vodka breezes are just \$4.25. (D)

WILD BEAR NIGHT

The Dugout, free. Get wild with MetroBears and a new \$2 original bear cocktail every week!

Saturdays

HE BIG TIME

The Ritz, 10pm, free. DJ JonJon Battles hits the big time with fierce host Ericka Toure Aviance.

CALLING ALL SHOOTERS

Dtox, 10pm, free. Shot give-aways on the hour! DJ Seth on the turntables.

COCK FIGHT!

The Cock, 11pm, \$10. DJ John John Field rocks the main floor and DJ Nita does it dirty in the basement!

COLLEGE NIGHT

Rush, 10pm, cover varies, 18+. Boiparty. com presents this college dance party with DJ Steve Sidewalk spinning pop and rotating hosts Charles Winters and Miss Alixandria. (D)

CRUISE CONTROL

g Lounge, 7pm-midnight, free. DJs Bill Coleman and Dr. Brooks take you on a smooth ride with their signature blends of house, R&B, pop and disco.

DADDY'S NIGHT

The Dugout, 9pm, free. Daddy gear is preferred at this private men's party w/ \$4 Buds and \$3 Daddy Shots.

DANCE:208

LGBT Center, 9pm-1am, \$6-\$10. Fun and friendly bi-weekly dance party with themes, guest DJs and an old-meetsnew-school vibe. (D)

FIBE IN DA HEIGHTS

Fibe, 11pm, free. Anything goes and everyone is welcome at this pansexual party in Washington Heights. DJ Mike Da Wizard spins as exotic male and female dancers stir up trouble deep into the night.

GAME DAY

Gym, 1pm, free. Get into the game with \$3 Buds and all your favorite action on the big screens.

GASOLINA

Escuelita, 10pm, \$15–\$20, 18+. NYC's hottest Latin night, with DJ Ray Lorenzo, and go-go dancers. (D)

HEAVEN IN HELL

HK Lounge, 10pm, free. Jason Preston hosts a slew of D-list celebs at his hot weekly party at HK Lounge.

JOHN BLAIR SATURDAYS

Splash, 10pm, \$20, \$15 w/ JB discount card til 1am. As hot as you'd expect. \$1 drinks from 10–11pm with your JB card. (D)

JUICY

Vlada, 10pm, free. DJ Corey Craig gives us another reason to shake our asses.

EGENDARY

Barracuda, 10pm, free. DJ Xavier takes you on a legendary sonic journey.

NIGHTI IFF

Secret, 10pm, \$5-\$10. A stylish spot for beautiful men of color and their

friends, w/ hip-hop, house and classic tracks, plus a laid back vibe.

SALTY SATURDAYS

The Monster, 9pm, \$7. Hot male dancers with DJ Tony Cruz. Plus, \$4.25 Vodka Breezes. (D)

TURWAY

mr. Black, 10pm, \$10-\$15. Nita and Gant crank the black beats as hosts Xander, Roze and Milan give you runway realness! Fierce.

WILD KLUB

The Web, 10pm, \$10, 18+. Kick things off with Karaoke hosted by Hanz, before DJ Carlos takes over the turntables. 2-4-1 drinks til 9pm. (D)

Sundays

CUCKOO CLUB

The Park, 10pm, free. The Trinity brings together downtown misfits and the Chelsea in-crowd. (D)

EAST SIDE SATURDAYS

EvoLve, 8pm, free. Mingle with fellow East Side dwellers and enjoy drink specials for those who live on the East Side of the island. Playing retro '80s to the latest hot singles!

ELECTROSHOCK THERAPY

therapy, 10pm, free. Brad Loekle hosts a roster of gay-friendly comics w/ tasty \$6 cosmos.

HOT MESS

HK Lounge, 10pm, free. This low-class shindig is home to clubkid trannies, frat boys and every hot mess in between.

KÜTE

g Lounge, 9pm, free. Joey Israel, Epiphany and Matty Maggiacomo are upping the cute factor with DJ Xavier.

SABROSO HI-TEA

The Monster, 2pm, cocktails at 2pm, dance at 5:30pm, \$3. DJ Tony Cruz keeps the dance floor hot starting at 5:30pm as you cool down with \$4 LITs all night long. (D)

SHERRY VINE

Barracuda, 11pm, free. Sherry Vine gives good show with DJ David Serrano.

SILVER DADDIES

Uncle Charlie's, 4pm, free. Let the older gents ply you with happy hour priced cocktails til 9pm.

SING OUT SISTER!

XES Lounge, 10pm, free. Peppermint hosts this evening of karaoke with a 15,000 song arsenal.

SPERM

The Cock, 11pm, \$5–\$10. DJ Man Parrish's Sperm takes over The Cock with non-stop underground music and uninhibited porn star go-gos.

STEAMROOM

View Bar, 10:30pm, free. Get steamy with massage boys, towel dancers and \$3 domestics if you get shirtless.

SUNDAYS AT 1 OAK

1 Oak, 7pm, free. Josh Wood lures all of Chelsea's muscle boys and fashionistas to this sexy celeb-studded joint.

VANDAM

Greenhouse, 10pm, free. Susanne Bartsch and Kenny Kenny welcome a mixed bag of NY's most fierce, most fabulous, most freakish and most fuckable. Open bar from 10–11pm. HX

VENUES

1 OAK 453 W 17th St/10th Av, 212-242-1111

ATE AVE 169 8th Av/19th St, 646-763-8355, ateave.com

B BAR 40 E 4th St, 212-475-2220, bbarandgrill.com

BAMBOO 52 344 W 52nd St, 212-315-2777, bamboo52nyc.com

BAR 13 35 E 13th St/University PI, 212-979-6677, spincyclenyc.com

BARRACUDA 275 W 22nd St, 212-645-8613

BARRAGE 401 W 47th St, 212-586-9390

BOILER ROOM 86 E 4th St, 212-254-7536, boilerroomnyc.com

BOOTS & SADDLES 76 Christopher St. 212-929-9684

CAFÉ 50 WEST 50 W 22nd St/6th Av, 212-352-2233, cafe50west.com

CHI CHIZ 135 Christopher St/Hudson St. 212-462-0027

CIELO 18 Little W 12th St, 212-645-5700, cieloclub.com

THE COCK 29 2nd Av/2nd St, thecockbar.com

DTOX 31 2nd Av/2nd St

THE DUGOUT 185 Christopher St/Weehawken St, 212-242-9113, thedugoutny.com

THE DUPLEX 61 Christopher St/7th Av, 212-255-5438, theduplex.com

THE EAGLE 554 W 28th St, 646-473-1866, eaglenvc.com

EASTERNBLOC 505 E 6th St, 212-777-2555, easternblocnyc.com

ESCUELITA 301 W 39th St, 212-631-0588, enyclub.com cover varies, 18+

EVOLVE 221 E 58th St, 212-355-3395

FIBE 4055 Broadway/Rivington St, 212-781-7690

G LOUNGE 225 W 19th St, 212-929-1085, glounge.com

GYM 167 8th Av/18th St, 212-337-2439, gymsportsbar.com

GREENHOUSE 150 Varick St/Vandam St, 212-807-7000, greenhouseusa.com

THE HANGAR 115 Christopher St/ Bleecker St, 212-627-2044, myspace. com/hangarnyc

HK LOUNGE 409 W 39th St/9th Av, 212-947-4208, hkhellskitchen.com

THE HOSE 225 Av B, 212-979-8506

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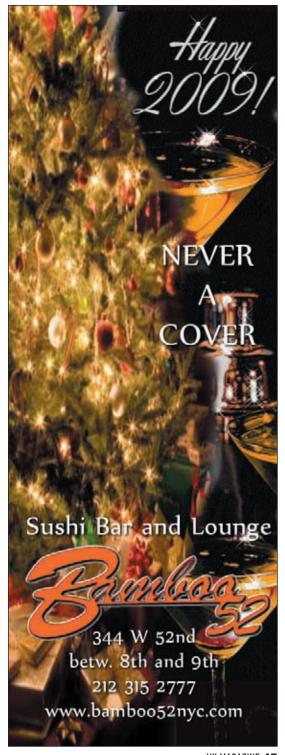
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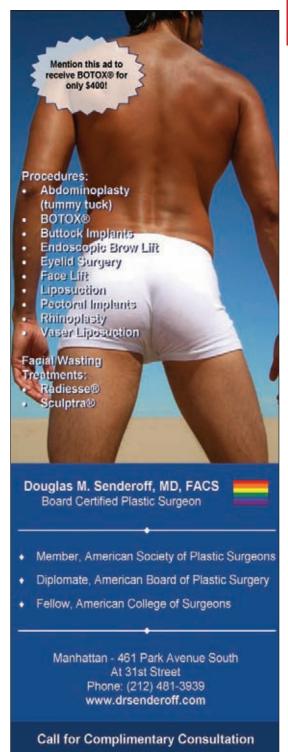
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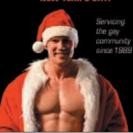
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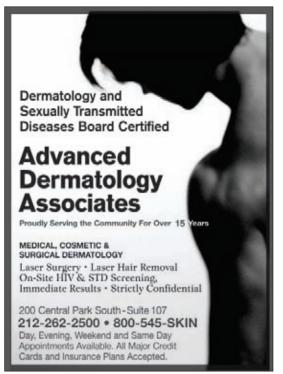
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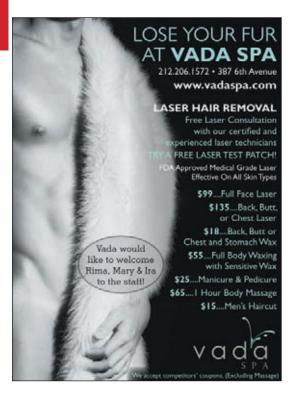
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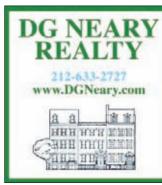
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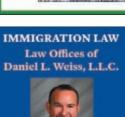


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Sam Mendes (Paramount Vantage)

British Filmmaker Sam Mendes (American Beauty, Jarhead) has yet to deliver a film that does not magnificently and surgically analyze an element of the American condition. With his latest, the literary pot boiler Revolutionary Road, he digs deep into the guts of the 1950s American dream and pinches the nerve connecting idea and action. With razor sharp words and pointed observations, delivered with a craft that will define Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet as two of the greatest actors of our



quiet Connecticut suburb, the marriage of Frank and April Wheeler is adored. They are beautiful, successful and own everything a happy family should. Their grand dreams and eccentricities, however, distinguish them from their peers. When a fight erupts over their supposed place in society, April suggests a wild plan for the family to move to Paris. She even offers to work so that Frank can figure out what it is he truly wants to be. Then the talking begins, and the couple must accept the fact that their talk may only ever amount to talk. The time for dreams and ambition beyond routine has passed. They are nothing special, and if they once were, the decisions they've made have dampened their singularity. All the couple can do is talk and learn that at some point you are no longer what you say or believe you are; you are not your dreams, you are only the sum of your decisions. It is a harsh lesson to learn and it has chilling consequences.—David Graver



QUEEN FOR A DAY

Opening December 26 at Cinema Village, *Pageant* follows five of the most beautiful and talented female impersonators in the country as they compete in the 34th Annual Miss Gay America pageant. Directors Ron Davis and Stewart Halpern's award-winning documentary celebrates the creativity and passion behind the art of drag as these ordinary men go to extraordinary lengths for their dream. Expect lots of fierce pageant drama!

FILM I

Now Playing

AUSTRALIA

Nicole Kidman recruits Hugh Jackman to protect her sprawling ranch from a takeover plot.

BEDTIME STORIES

Adam Sandler is a hotel handyman whose lavish bedtime stories start to magically come true.

CADILLAC RECORDS

Beyoncé stars in this chronicle of the rise and fall of Chess Records.

THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL

Aliens land on Earth with an important message for its citizens.

DOUBT

The principal of a Catholic school grows suspicious of a priest who might have crossed the line with a student.

FOUR CHRISTMASES

A holiday rom com starring Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon.

MARLEY & ME

Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston learn life lessons from their adorable dog.

MILK

The story of Harvey Milk's political ascent and subsequent assassination.

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

Kate Beckinsale is a reporter who refuses to reveal a key source to the C.I.A.

QUANTUM OF SOLACE

James Bond saves the world from a radical environmentalist organization, often removing his shirt in the process.

REPO! THE GENETIC OPERA

A rock horror opera starring Paul Sorvino and Paris Hilton. Yes, you read that right.

REVOLUTIONARY ROAD

Leo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet are a '50s couple with marital problems.

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES

A 14-year-old girl embarks on a quest to uncover secrets from her mother's past.

SEVEN POUNDS

This Will Smith vehicle is generating a ton of Oscar buzz.

THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX

Fun animated pic featuring the voices of Matthew Broderick and Dustin Hoffman.

TWILICHT

A teenage girl risks everything when she falls in love with a vampire.

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Oliver Stone's satirical chronicle of the life and presidency of George W. Bush.

VALKYRIE

A plot to assassinate Hitler is unfurled during the height of WWII.

YES MAN

Jim Carrey says "yes" to anything anyone asks of him in this zany comedy.

Movie Series

CHELSEA CLASSICS

Gay film faves every Thu night with interactive pre-show hosted by Hedda Lettuce. Clearview Cinema 260 W 23rd \$\text{S} 1212-777-3456, clearviewcinemas.} com, 7pm & 10pm, Thu, \$\text{\$6.50. } ₩\text{}







PAL JOEY

A FRIEND IN THE END

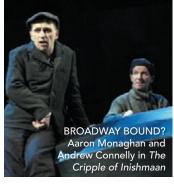
By now you've probably heard the recent drama behind-the-scenes of Roundabout's revival of Pal Joey, the Rodgers and Hart musical given a snappy update by bookwriter Richard Greenberg. Following in the fabled dance steps of lucky performers such as Shirley MacLaine, Sutton Foster and Chevenne Jackson, understudy Matthew Risch has taken on the lead role of Joey, a scheming small-potatoes Chicago song-and-dance man, thanks to Jersey Boy Christian Hoff's unfortunate injury. But does Mr. Risch deserve the default spotlight? Well, it's difficult not to root for the underdog-especially one as devastatingly handsome as Risch, a Broadway Bares favorite for good reason. Yet he lacks some of the star stage presence Hoff promised in the role—a fact magnified by his commanding costars Martha Plimpton as an aging chorine and Stockard Channing as a wealthy society dame. Recently seen on Broadway as the gay Latino lover in Legally Blonde, Risch has the smarmy and sexy parts down pat, but I found it difficult to sympathize with or even care much about his Joey. His singing voice isn't going to win any Idol championships either, but neither are those of his high-wattage female costars. Both ladies, however, can sell a song like nobody's business, with Channing doing her best Lauren Bacall and Plimpton doing her finest Jane Krakowski. Channing's frequently reprised "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered" is a heartfelt highlight.

Pal Joey, thru Feb. 15 @ Studio 54, 254 W 54th St, 212-719-1300, \$37–\$122.

THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMAAN

IRISH SPRUNG

Martin McDonagh's The Cripple of Inishmaan was staged Off-Broadway at The Public about a decade ago, but reviews of that production seem to suggest that neither the director nor actors appeared at home in the comically dark world of Mr. McDonagh.



Well, there's not a chance in hell that could ever be said about the Atlantic Theater Company's new production, which comes courtesy of Irish director Garry Hynes. Set in 1934 on an island off Ireland's west coast, Cripple captures the excitement when a Hollywood filmmaker comes to the neighboring island of Inishmore to make a movie. As the town cripple with hopes of becoming a star, Aaron Monaghan gives the kind of performance for which theater awards were invented. Violent, heartbreaking and hysterical, Cripple marks the third collaboration between Atlantic and McDonagh, with their stagings of The Lieutenant of Inishmore and The Beautv Queen of Leenane both transferring to Broadway. If Cripple doesn't transfer as well, only our crippled economy will be to blame.

The Cripple of Inishmaan, thru Feb. 1 @ the Linda Gross, 336 W 20th St, 212-279-4200. \$65.



WHITE SUPREMACY

Onstage snowfall was omnipresent this season, but never as voluminous as in *Slava's Snowshow*, a humorous and haunting spectacle by Russia's greatest clown. It's your last week to catch it, so don't flake out!

Slava's Snowshow, thru Jan. 4 @ the Helen Hayes, 240 W 44th St, 212-239-6200, \$80–\$130.

THEATER

ALL SHOWS LISTED ARE OF GAY INTEREST.

Broadway

BILLY ELLIOT

A male dance prodigy is born! Based on the popular film. The Imperial Theatre, 249 W 45th St, 212-239-6200, billyelliotbroadway.com, \$40-\$125.

CHICAGO

This revival of the 1975 "babes in the big house" musical has a ton o' gay appeal. Ambassador Theatre, 219 W 49th St, 212-239-6200, \$55-\$110.

FOULLS

The psychological thriller that turned Daniel Radcliffe into a sex symbol hits Broadway! You know you're curious about Harry's peepee. Broadhurst Theatre, 235 W 44th St, 212-239-6200, \$60-\$115.

GYPSY

Patti LuPone stars in this new production of the Broadway classic based on the memoirs of burlesque star Gypsy Rose Lee. St. James Theatre, 246 W 44th St/Bway, 212-239-6262, gypsybroadway.com, \$40-\$115.

IN THE HEIGHTS

A new musical about three days in the vibrant, tight-knit community of Washington Heights. Britney Spears' show of choice. Richard Rodgers Theatre, 226 W 46th St, 212-221-1211, \$20-\$110.

JERSEY BOYS

'60s sensations The Four Seasons come to life in a musical about guys from the 'hood who make good. August Wilson Theater, 245 W 52nd St, 212-239-6200, jerseyboysbroadway.com, \$96-\$120

THE LITTLE MERMAID

Go under da sea! Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, 205 W 46th St, 212-307-4747, disneyonbroadway.com, \$42-\$112.

MAMMA MIA!

A mother reunites with old lovers before her daughter's wedding, to the tune of ABBA's hits. Winter Garden Theatre, 1634 Bway/50th St, 212-563-5544, mamma-mia.com, \$60-\$110.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

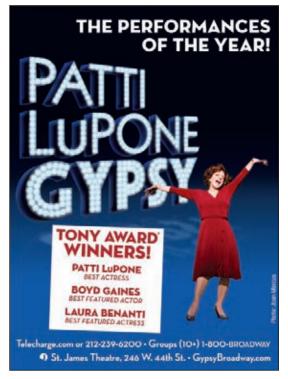
Andrew Lloyd Webber's classic musical. Majestic Theater, 247 W 44th St, thephantomoftheopera.com, 212-239-6200, \$20-\$100.

SPRING AWAKENING

Young people experience the thrills and mysteries of sexual awakening in 19th-century Germany. Eugene O'Neill Theater, 230 W 49th St, springawakening.com, 212-239-6200, \$65-\$110.

WICKED

Slightly Disney-fied musical about the school days of the Wicked Witch of the West. Gershwin Theatre, 222 W 51st St, wickedthemusical.com, 212-307-4100, \$50-\$110.







STAY TUNED!

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S GAY IN TV FOR 2009

Usually I'd take a look back at some of the biggest gay moments in television from the past 12 months. But lets face it, 2008 was one year we'd all like to quickly put past us. So instead, let's take a peek at the LGBT bounty coming in 2009.

You'll barely be recovered from your New Year's hangover when TLC launches its Miss America reality series on January 2. Terror strikes when none of the contestants can figure out how to turn a doorknob!

Homoerotic Nip/Tuck returns to FX on January 6. There's always some hot gay mess going on, but this season (the show's last) features a visit from tranny goddess Candis Cayne (of Dirty Sexy Money).

The Real World: Brooklyn, the queerest season of the long-running reality show, debuts Wednesday, January 7 at 10pm. In addition to out Miami hottie J.D., the cast includes trans woman Katelynn and former lesbian Sarah.

Prayers for Bobby, a touching telefilm about the suicide of a young gay man and the change of heart his religious mother (Sigourney Weaver) experiences premieres on Lifetime on January 24.

The 81st Academy Awards are being held Sunday, February 22 on ABC. How gay will the Oscars be this year? Aside from the usual red-carpet fabulousness, the ceremony is being hosted by gay fave Hugh Jackman and produced by out *Dreamgirls* director Bill Condon. And if *Milk* doesn't nab some major awards, there will be major temper tantrums thrown

Bravo has given the green-light to new seasons of queer-friendly Flipping Out and Million Dollar Listings. Guess they didn't hear about the housing crash. The Rachel Zoe

Project and Tabatha's Salon Takeover got picked up too.

And if Project Runway ever sees the light of day on Lifetime—it was set to premiere in January—expect to see Lindsay Lohan in the celebrity guest seat.

QUEER TV HIGHLIGHTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 RELAX...IT'S JUST SEX (6PM, HERE):

A group of gay friends are traumatized when one couple is attacked.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 BROMANCE (9PM, MTV):

Homoerotic hi jinks ensue as dudes try to befriend Brody Jenner.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30 CAT DANCERS (5PM, HBO):

This bizarre doc reveals the tale of tiger trainers Ron and Joy Holiday and their shared lover, Chuck Lizza.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 SORDID LIVES: THE SERIES (2:30PM-8:30PM, LOGO):

Catch up on all the down and dirty drama in this New Year's marathon.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 CRASH (MIDNIGHT, IFC):

A stranger seduces a couple into getting sexual thrills from car accidents.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES (9PM. ABC):

Bree (Marcia Cross, pictured) meets the mother of Andrew's boyfriend.

■ CULTURE

Art

GAY MEN'S ART GALLERY TOUR

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CUTTING ROOM

12/26: Jewmongous; 12/27: Le Scandal Burlesque; 12/29: Francis Dunnery; 12/31: Miss Richfield 1981; 1/01: Matt Cusson; 1/02: Tribute to Jethro Tull; 1/04: Dina Martina; 1/05: Jesse Lynn; 1/06, 1/07: Joan Rivers; 1/08: Dina Martina; 1/09: The Black Italians; 1/10: Jimmy Webb; 1/11: Christine Ohlman. 19 W 24th St, 212-352-3101, thecuttingroomnyc.com.

THE DUPLEX

12/19: Mostly Sondheim; 12/20: Secret Santa's Juicy Jollies; 12/26: Mostly Sondheim. 61 Christopher St, 212-255-5438, theduplex.com.

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Mon: David Pellegrene, Charlie James; Tue & Wed: David Pellegrene, Michael Ferreri, Rick Unterberg; Thu: Michael Ferreri, Rick Unterberg; Fri: Charlie James; Sat & Sun: Rick Unterberg. 236 E 58th St. 212-754-4649, townhouseny.com.

UNCLE CHARLIE'S

Mon: Cabaret Fever w/ Michael Thomas Murray; Wed & Sun: James Greening Valenzuela; Thu-Sat: David Pellegrene. 139 E 45th St, 212-661-9097, unclecharliesnyc.com.

THE ZIPPER FACTORY

12/26–12/30: Groovelily in Striking 12; 12/31: Murray Hill; 1/03: Narcissister; 1/06: Jason Webley; 1/07: Manhatlan Monologue Slam; 1/08: The Wet Spots; 1/09–1/10: The Lisps: Futurity; 1/11: Gaytino. 33 6 W 37th St, 212-352-3101, thezipperfactory.com.

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THE KENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Ken Kleiber brings you weekly theater and celeb dish during his weekly segment on The Frank DeCaro Show on Sirius Out-Q. Sirius 106, thatskentertainment.com.

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FITNESS RESOLUTIONS

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and look towards 2009, our thoughts natural-

ly turn to New Year's Resolutions! No matter

what shape you are in fitness should

always be in your plans. Here is

an easy framework to use in

goals you set for yourself.

order to better achieve the

Create a plan. Setting a

goal without formulating

a plan is merely wishful

thinking. In order for

your resolution to have

resolve, it must trans-

late into clear steps that

can be put into action. A

good plan will give you the

steps required to complete

your goal as well as tell you

what to do next. If you're like

most people, you'll have a limited window of opportunity during the first few days of January to harness your motivation, so create your plan immediately. Using a notebook, journal or special file on your computer or iPhone to write down your resolutions

will help you stick to your goal.

Good luck! And to all of you, please accept my best wishes for a happy and healthy 2009!

Ken Hunt is the owner of Steel Gym,

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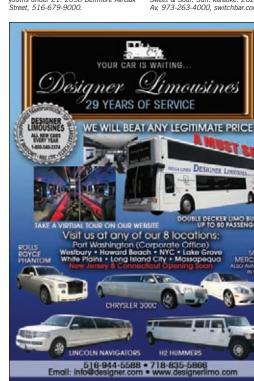
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WHAT GOES UP MUST GO DOWN...ON ME

If anyone ever needed more evidence of the dynamic world in which we live, 2008 has been one of the best examples in decades. With a tumultuous financial market, equal rights bans and an historic election, we have endured more than any power bottom could take.

Faster than Ashley Dupré could go down on Elliot Spitzer, the stock market plummeted into a void well below what we thought possible. Apparently, those stimulus checks were not incredibly stimulating.

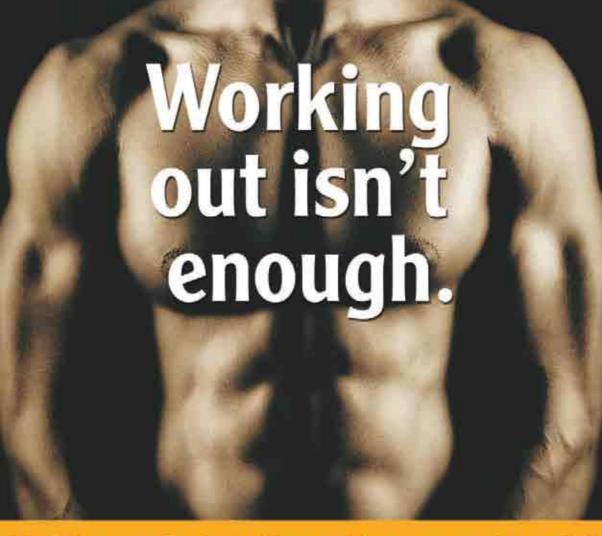
Entertainment struck a dark starting note in January when Heath Ledger was found naked and unresponsive in his lower Manhattan loft. At age 28, Ledger left a legacy to daughter Matilda and a swan song performance as the Joker that won't soon be eclipsed. Britney came back cracking her three ring *Circus* whip. I prefer the previous dark, skin head, umbrella wielding beats, but "Womanizer" is still better than what little sis Jamie Lynn popped out this year. The tartlet made Nickelodeon proud by birthing a soon-to-be slutty daughter. All bets are on Miley Cyrus in '09. Mind you, I am not promoting underage sex.

More fascinating, 2008 brought us a pregnant man. Thomas Beatie, a 34-year-old transgendered man, went off testosterone for two years, and with the help of wife Nancy and some sperm, welcomed a baby girl in July. The proud dad says embrace difference; love makes a family. Now the couple is pregnant again and Beatie is writing a memoir—sounds like someone's cashing in.

But the driving force of this year was inarguably politics. So Sarah Palin is sexier than Hillary. It took the woman five college transfers and six years before eventually graduating with an irrelevant journalism degree. Look for Palin in primetime on Fox News soon with off limit subjects: the Bush Doctrine, social tolerance, the Iraq War, stem cell research, charging women for rape exams, book bans and international travel. Almost as disgusting as the incompetent Palin is the Mormon agenda and support to pass Proposition 8. Willful ignorance is intellectual treason. It is a hard hit for California and our community as a whole. A strong fisted reminder that acceptance is still an uphill trek.

The turbulent ride of 2008 has rendered us hopeful, looking ahead to the mantra of our next President: Change. It is a transition of policies, reform and surely a time to flip the mattresses and bring respect back to the White House. Most importantly in 2009 we do something I did years ago: Bid adieu to Bush.

xxx, Michael Lucas



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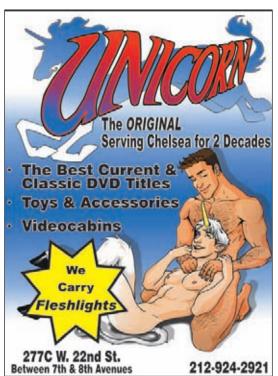
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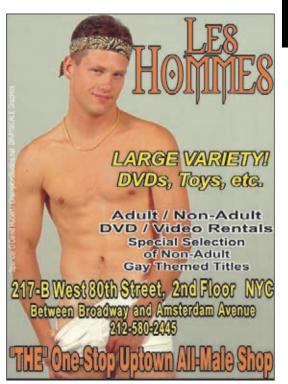
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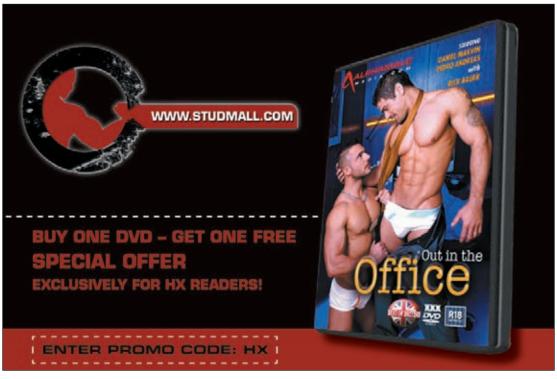
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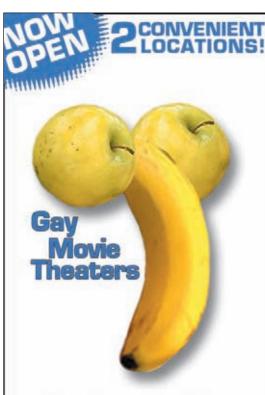
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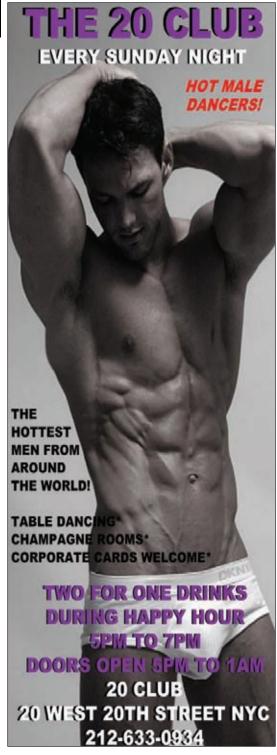
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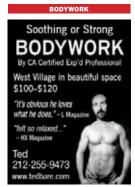
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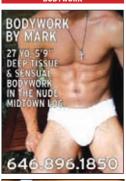


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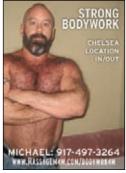


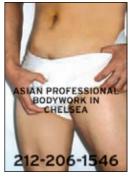




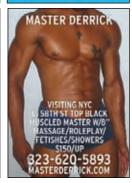


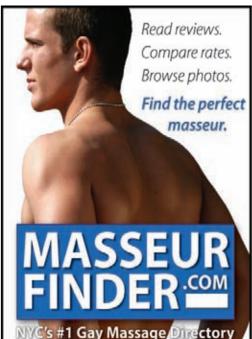










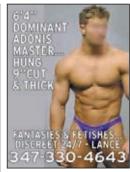








































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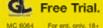


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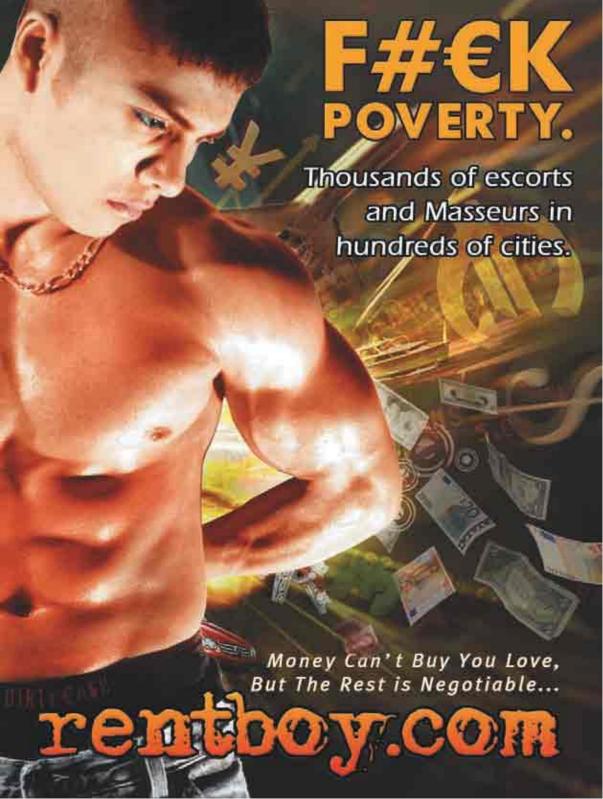
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CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 19

Capricorn can make some money this week, but only if you jump at the opportunity. Red flags may wave, but when a friend suggests a chance to double your coins, don't hesitate to fork over some dough. When he's done you'll be rolling in green.

AQUARIUS

JAN 20-FEB 18

Aquarius is a cosmic errand boy for the next few days. So many people have you little water bearers carrying their bags, walking their dogs and listening to their sob stories that there's simply no time whatsoever for your own problems. But you wouldn't have it any other way.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Keep grinning the whole week through, Pisces. Don't let anyone get you down. A sour-faced stranger will attempt to pull anger from you by Thursday. Too bad this nasty ninny isn't equipped to puncture your sunny shield.

ARIES

MAR 21-APR 19

Aries is facing a daunting task this week. Whether it's a big move, a strict diet or addiction counseling, face your challenge with optimism and enthusiasm. Friends are supportive, but don't lean on them for too much help. This is your demon to exorcise.

TAURUS

APR 20-MAY 20

You never thought you'd be on stage dressed like a woman and lip syncing to songs you've never heard before. Luckily a chance to wear a wig and heels allows you to express your softer side and make a little cash too. Do it, Taurus!

GEMINI

MAY 21-JUN 21

Filthy bathrooms, peed upon toilet seats and a general lack of TP all leave Gemini ready to shove someone's face into a murky bowl of unclean water. This week, try to discover this golden shower culprit and end his "rain" of terror.

CANCER

JUN 22-JUL 22

Cancer might be caught shoplifting this week! What is this criminal spree you have embarked upon? Do not let the temptation to skirt the edges of civilized society cloud your better judgment. Someone is watching your every move. You will be caught and prosecuted.

LEO

JUL 23-AUG 22

I am so sick of you petty kitties howling when you don't get your way. This week, it's more of the same. You feel you should be compensated more than your fair share when you contributed less than everyone else. The stars acknowledge your moxie, but simply say no.

VIRGO

AUG 23-SEP 22

Why are you commenting when you have absolutely no idea what is being talked about? Sometimes simply listening and learning is way better than flapping your gums. A quiet nod speaks more than anything you have to say.

LIBRA

SEP 23-OCT 23

A chance to impress friends, co-workers or the spouse's granny has Libra worked up into a bundle of nerves this week. Relax, you crazy ass bitch. If it's friends, get them drunk. If it's co-workers, drunk. If it's granny, say "ma'am" and then get her falling down drunk. Problem solved.

SCORPIO

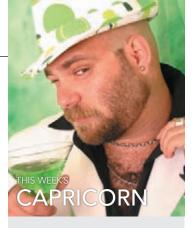
OCT 24-NOV 21

Clients or loved ones are smothering you with compliments and showering you with gifts. Who knew Scorpio could be so accommodating? You usually have your stinger set to kill, but drop your guard and accept the accolades.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 22-DEC 21

A gang of hooligans are out to beat you like an Iraq prison detainee! Don't let anyone take advantage of your masochistic nature, Sagittarius. If they break out rubber hoses, you pull a gun on them, girl!



BLAKE SHERMAN

Blake Evan Sherman hosts the weekly variety talk show Lounge Lizard on Wednesday nights at The Ritz. This Capricorn was born on Christmas Day—could he be the second cumming? Find out December 24 at his Lounge Lizard birthday party!

How will you celebrate? I am gonna party with Santa!

Who should jump out of your birthday cake?

Charo with a "Goochi goochi."

What was your worst birthday? Never had one. It's Christmas day!

What gift will you give yourself? World peace and a massage.

What was your sexiest age? I'm not there yet. I'll have to get back to you.

What's your favorite sign in the bedroom?

Slippery when wet!

Divulge the secret to youthfulness. Laughter and cocktails.

What does the year ahead hold for you?

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What's the best advice you've ever been given?

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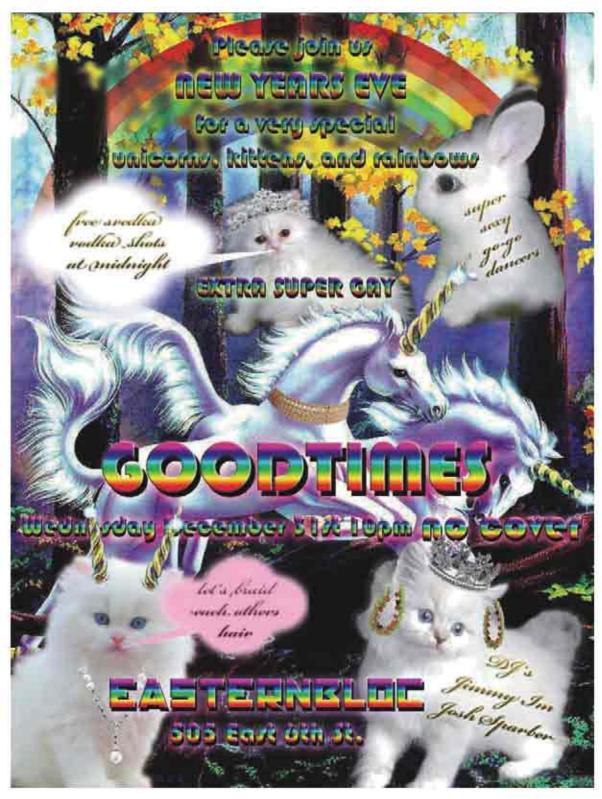
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